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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

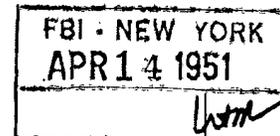
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that the above-captioned individual is not known to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: LEO GALLAGHER
SECURITY MATTER - C

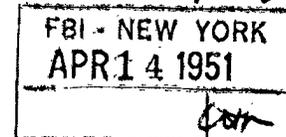
Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
furnished the following information regarding the above-
captioned individual on April 5, 1951:

LEO GALLAHER is known as the West Coast
attorney for the Communist Party.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: LILLIAN F. HELLMAN
SECURITY MATTER - C

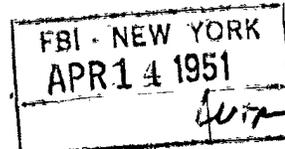
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ing the above-captioned individual:

LILLIAN F. HELLMAN, playwright, was rumored to
be a candidate in the Congressional District where FRANKLIN
D. ROOSEVELT, JR., was running. There was a frantic effort
on the part of the Party leadership to stop this rumor.
GEORGE BLAKE, New York County Chairman, was very much
embarrassed about this rumor. The informant stated that he
suspects her to be a Party member.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓
100- (GEORGE BLAKE)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951.

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Re:
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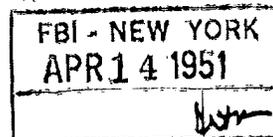
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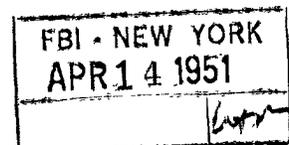
Re: VINCENT HALLINAN
SECURITY MATTER - C

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
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cc: NY 66-3901

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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regarding the above-captioned individual:

The informant stated that he knows a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who was for awhile [REDACTED] of the Civil Rights Congress before [REDACTED] came from Chicago. He was suspected by the Party of misappropriation of funds and bureaucratic methods of work and was eased out from C.R.C. He wrote a pamphlet for C.R.C. and was head of a delegation of one of the C.R.C. crusades to Washington in 1948.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
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cc: NY 66-3901
100- W.M. ([REDACTED])

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FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
[Signature]

New York, New York.
April 9, 1951.

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

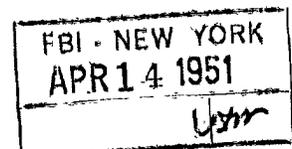
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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual:

The informant stated that he knows a
who is an attorney from Chicago, Illinois. She was in the
Communist Party during 1938 - 1939. Her present status
with the Party is unknown to the informant.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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66-3901-341
FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951

New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

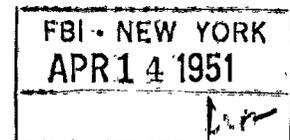
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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: JULIUS EMSPAK
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual:

EMSPAK is Secretary - Treasurer of the United
Electrical Workers Union. He sponsored the Hungarian Labor
Committee in 1946. In 1949 SID STEIN, Assistant Labor
Secretary of the National Committee of the Communist Party,
was very much concerned with security around JULIUS EMSPAK
and order a check on the technical secretary of JULIUS
EMSPAK. He is known as a Party member.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

100- (SID STEIN)

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FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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is not known to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (B&C)

EWB:EED
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66-3901-344

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951

New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: CLARK HOWELL FOREMAN
SECURITY MATTER - C

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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66-3901-323

FBI - NEW YORK APR 14 1951 <i>ew</i>
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: DEWITT CLARENCE GILPIN
SECURITY MATTER - C

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

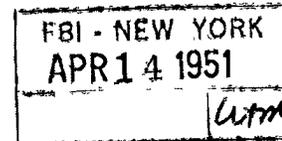
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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951.

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

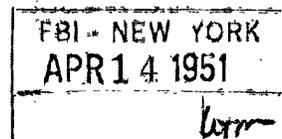
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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

Re: STEPHEN FRITCHMAN
SECURITY MATTER - C

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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66-3901-307

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: EWART GLADSTONE GUINIER
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regarding the above-captioned individual:

GUINIER, Negro, is an official of the Office and Professional Workers Union. He is a member of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party, having been a member since 1945. He attended State Committee meetings. He gave reports.

The informant recalls in particular one occasion when GUINIER attended a State Committee meeting in the Albert Hotel on University Place.

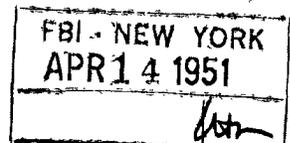
[redacted] and is also a member of the Communist Party.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
advised on April 5, 1951, that [REDACTED] name sounds
very familiar to him, but at the present time he cannot
place him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
[Signature]

New York, New York
April 9, 1951.

MEMO.

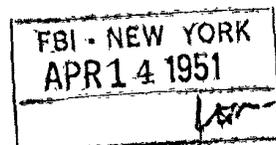
Re: HARRY GOTTLIEB
SECURITY MATTER - C

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
furnished the following information regarding the above-
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[REDACTED] who in 1948
represented the Sheet Metal Workers Union, A.F. of L.
One of the workers, a member of the Communist Party, by
the name of [REDACTED] (ph.), brought charges against
[REDACTED] in the Party. The charges were handled by
the lawyer section under the leadership of ABRAHAM UNGER,
attorney.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

100- [REDACTED]
100- (ABRAHAM UNGER)

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EWB:EED
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66-3901-325

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: ISRAEL RICHARD GLADSTEIN
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on April 5, 1951, advised that the above-captioned individual is the Communist Party attorney on the West Coast. He was one of the defenders of the Communist National Committee.

The informant stated that GLADSTEIN is known as a Party member, but that he did not see GLADSTEIN'S Party card.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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66-3901-344

FBI - NEW YORK APR 14 1951
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951.

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

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Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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66-3901-344

FBI - NEW YORK APR 14 1951 <i>h</i>

New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: SAMUEL DASHIELL HAMMETT
SECURITY MATTER - C

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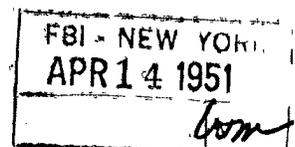
HAMMETT, who is an author and writer, was chairman or president of the Committee for Constitutional Liberties in 1941. His name appears on numerous sponsoring lists.

The informant suspects HAMMETT of being a Party member but did not see his Party card.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: WILL GEER
SECURITY MATTER - C

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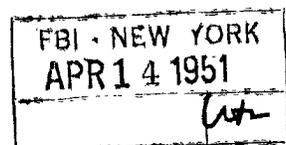
WILL GEER, the movie actor, is the grandson in
law of Mother REEVES BLOOR, National Committee member of
the Communist Party, and was a Master of Ceremonies at a
party given for Mother BLOOR in Philadelphia in 1948 by
the Philadelphia District of the Communist Party at which
National Committee members were present. He is a close
friend of BURL IVES and [redacted]. His Party affiliation
is unknown, but the informant suspects him to be a Party
member.

GEER had a farm right across George Washington
Bridge and associated with known Party members in that com-
munity like [redacted] and others.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓
100- (Mother Reeves Bloor)
100- (Burl Ives)
100- [redacted]
100- [redacted]

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New York, New York
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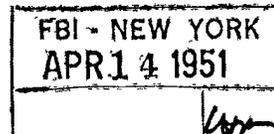
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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: WOODY GUTHRIE
SECURITY MATTER - C

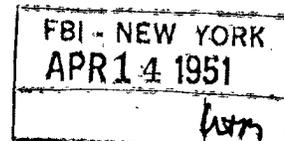
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April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual:

WOODY GUTHRIE is an actor. The informant
stated that he has seen GUTHRIE'S name on numerous sponsor-
ing lists. The informant does not know GUTHRIE'S Party af-
filiation but suspects him to be a Party member.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
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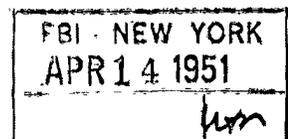
[REDACTED], who is a [REDACTED] appeared
at numerous Party affairs as an entertainer in the 1930s.
The informant stated that he does not know her Party
affiliation.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
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to him. The informant was contacted on April 5, 1951.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

EWB:EED
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66-3901-311

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
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ing the above-captioned individual:

[REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] family,
is active in the Women's Federation and is a close co-worker
of [REDACTED] of the New York State Women's
Commission of the Party in 1948 and 1949.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

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66-3901-314

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APR 14 1951
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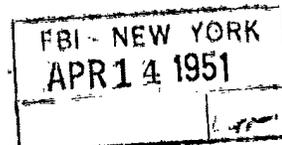
Re: RALPH HARRISON GUNDLACH
SECURITY MATTER - C

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

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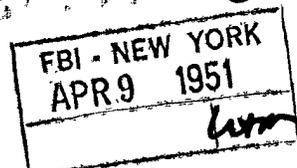
Re: EVANS CARLSON
SECURITY MATTER - C

JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning this individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
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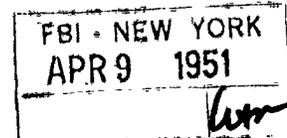
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning this individual.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

EWB:amc.

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FBI - NEW YORK
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
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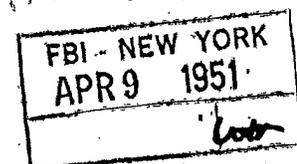
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no information concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

CC: 66-3901

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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

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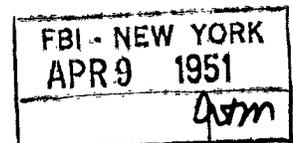
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning this individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning this individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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66-3901-307

FBI - NEW YORK APR 9 1951 <i>Wm</i>

New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning this individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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FBI - NEW YORK
APR 9 1951
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

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Re:
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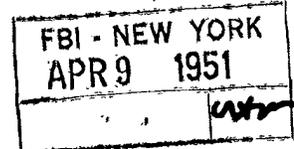
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish
any information concerning the above-mentioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:

SECURITY MATTER - C

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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning the above-named individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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66-3901-307

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 9 1951
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: MARGARET BOURKE-WHITE
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

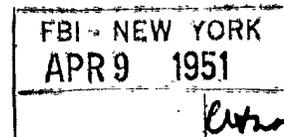
MARGARET BOURKE-WHITE is a photographer, a world
traveler, and Life Magazine employed her from time to time
traveling in the Soviet Union extensively.

She is high standing in her profession and I never
knew her as a Communist Party member.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

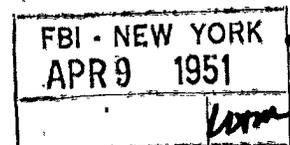
Re: MORRIS CARNOVSKY
SECURITY MATTER - C

JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
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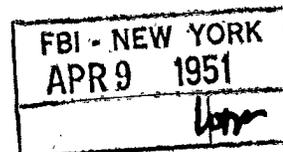
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish
any information concerning this individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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FBI - NEW YORK
APR 9 1951
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

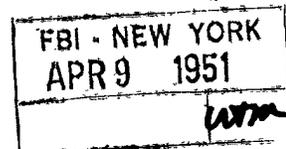
Re: ABE BURROWS
SECURITY MATTER - C

JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning this individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
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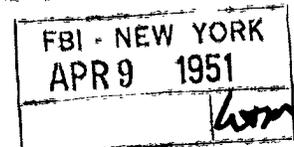
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning this individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:pmc
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: WALTER B. CANNON
SECURITY MATTER - C

JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning the above-named individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

EWB:amc
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66-3901-217

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 9 1951
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: EDWARD G. CARTER
SECURITY MATTER - C

JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning this individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

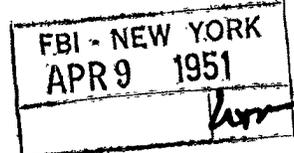
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish
any information concerning this individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
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cc: 66-3901 ✓

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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO..

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish
any information concerning the above-mentioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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FBI - NEW YORK
APR 9 1951
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

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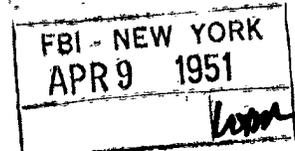
Re: SIDNEY ROBERT BUCHMAN
SECURITY MATTER - C

JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no information
concerning this individual

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
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cc: 66-3901

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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

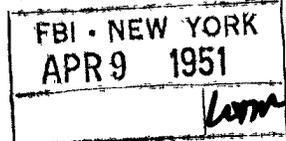
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning this individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

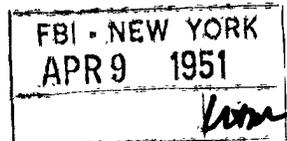
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning this individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
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cc: 66-3901

EWB:amc
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: JAMES CAGNEY
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

There was a rumor in the 1930s that CAGNEY was a
"good-time Charley" for all Progressive causes on the West
Coast, especially during the Spanish War.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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FBI - NEW YORK
APR 9 1951
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

CAMERON is an official of the United Electrical
Workers in Brooklyn and a member of the Communist Party. At
one time he participated in a Communist Party gathering at the
McAlpin Hotel to discuss certain measures to prevent the United
Automobile Workers in Brooklyn from making inroads in the IUE
Shop. At this meeting, besides [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], from Distributive Trades, were also present.

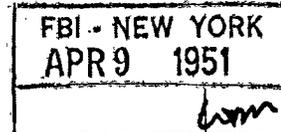
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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
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cc: 66-3901 ✓
[REDACTED]

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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: HAROLD R. CHRISTOFFEL
SECURITY MATTER - C

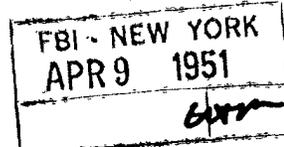
There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

CHRISTOFFEL is a former official of the United
Automobile Workers in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was a leader
of the Ellis Chalmers strike. He was also present at National
Committee, Communist Party meetings in the late 1930s, 1936,
1937, and 1938.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

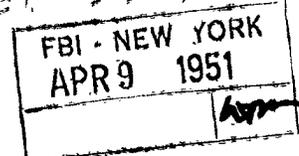
[REDACTED] is an official of the Distributive Trades.
He is a Party member and at one time around 1948 the Party was
very much concerned about his personal behavior, which came to
the attention of the Party that he was [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in Brooklyn. This person in Brooklyn was
the one who was supposed to expose the Columbians in Atlanta,
Georgia. She received a lot of publicity, particularly in
Life Magazine.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: JOSEPH R. BRODSKY
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

JOSEPH BRODSKY was a charter member of the Communist
Party, attorney, dead. He was founder of the law firm situated
at 100 Fifth Avenue, New York City. At present the law firm is
in the hands of ABRAHAM UNGER, [redacted] and [redacted]
who are considered the Party attorneys today. ABE UNGER is
Section Organizer of the Lawyers Section of the Communist Party.

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JOSEPH BRODSKY played a prominent role in the leadership
of the Party at all times from its very inception. At Party con-
ventions his picture is placed prominently behind a speakers
podium with other Party members who died in the course of years.

BRODSKY was also the legal representative of the Inter-
national Workers Order. He helped in the formation of the IWO in
the early 1930s. He was also associated with the Scottsboro case.
[redacted] is a charter member of the Party and
for years has conducted an insurance business out of [redacted].

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[redacted] is highly regarded as a trusted member of
the Communist Party, who handles finances for the Party from time
to time. His place at [redacted] is used for informal meetings
and gatherings where Party problems are discussed.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

(ABRAHAM UNGER)
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

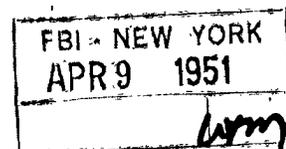
Re: CHARLES S. CHAPLIN
SECURITY MATTER - C

JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no information
concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

is an official of the Fur Workers Union. He
is consistently a candidate on the American Labor Party ticket
for various offices as a member of the Communist Party, and so
is his wife.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: MILLEN BRAND
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

MILLEN BRAND is the author of "The Outward Room" and
other novels. In 1941 he was lecturer at New York University
at Washington Square, New York City. He lived, in 1941, not
far from Quakertown, Pennsylvania. MILLEN BRAND is a Party
member. His name appears from time to time on sponsoring and
supporting lists of the Communist Party.

I met him in 1941 at MOTHER BLOOR's farm.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901,
(MOTHER BLOOR)

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APR 9 1951
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New York, N. Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

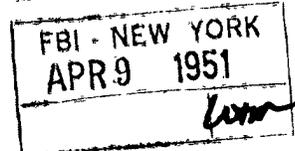
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: WA.,
SECURITY MATTER - C

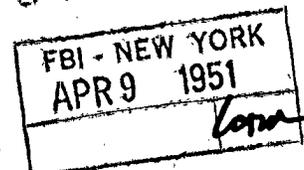
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish
any information concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

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FBI - NEW YORK
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

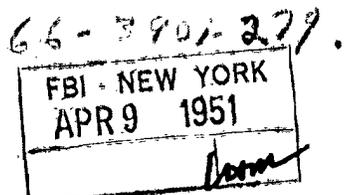
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

FRANZ BOAS
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

FRANZ BOAS is connected with Columbia University and
is a Professor of Anthropology. His name appeared from time to
time on sponsoring lists on various causes supported or initiated
by the Communist Party.

In 1946 or 1947, or earlier, one of his secretaries was
a person by the name of [redacted]. This [redacted] was later
on a full-time functionary or official for the Friends of the
Soviet Union or a similar organization which sponsored so-called
good relations with Soviet Russia.

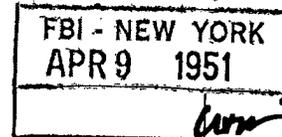
In 1948 a Party member from the upper West Side, former
[redacted] came to the State Review Commission of the
Communist Party complaining against [redacted] that [redacted]
asked her for \$500; that there were no questions to be asked; that
this \$500 was supposed to go for the support of some one who is
stranded in the country. [redacted] later on, tried to get
another \$500 from this person, prior to her coming to the State
Review Commission of the Communist Party.

When the State Review Commission tried to ascertain
whether this money was used for a legitimate purpose as indicated
by [redacted] he failed to appear to a prearranged hearing. How-
ever, he sent [redacted], where she declined
to state what the money was used for and accused the Chairman of the
State Review Commission in the following words, "How do I know you
are not an FBI Agent," as an excuse for not revealing what the money
was used for. Later on, the accuser reported the fact that the
\$500 was paid back to her by [redacted].

cc: 66-3901 ✓

([redacted])
(V. J. JEROME)

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[redacted], during the war period and shortly following the war in 1946, attended National Jewish Bureau Party meetings. V. J. JEROME, Cultural Director of the Communist Party, spoke highly of him and tried to smooth over this difficulty, which [redacted] found himself in in relation to this money.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
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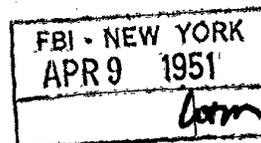
There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

[REDACTED] is, at present, [REDACTED] of the
American Labor Party in the Bronx and also a member of the
Communist Party, formerly associated with Friends of the Soviet
Union. He is seen often in the Party building discussing
problems pertaining to his work.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: CLIFFORD J. DURR
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
furnished the following information regarding the above-
captioned individual on April 5, 1951:

Rev. CLIFFORD J. DURR is associated with the
Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, with headquarters
at 23 West 26th Street, New York City. Rev. DURR in the
1948 May Day celebration had a Party pass to the platform
for both him and his wife. The informant does not know
DURR'S Party affiliation.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

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April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re:

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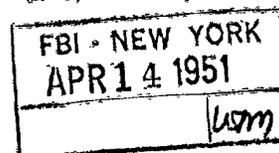
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that he does not know the above-captioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

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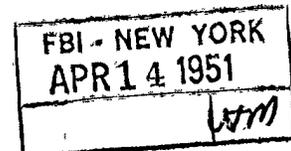
Re: LEE J. COBB
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that he does not know the above-captioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

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Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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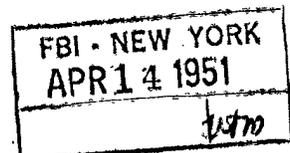
Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that the above-captioned individual is not known to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: JOSEPH COHN
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
furnished the following information on April 5, 1951,
regarding the above-captioned individual:

The informant stated that he knows a JOSEPH COHN
who was a Communist Party State Senatorial Candidate on the
Lower East Side when he lived around 12th Street and Second
Avenue. However, the informant stated that he is definite
that this is not the same JOSEPH COHN.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

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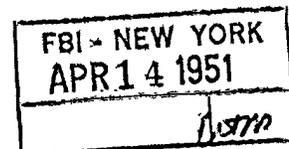
Re: NATHAN EINHORN
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that the above-captioned individual is not known to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: ;
SECURITY MATTER - C

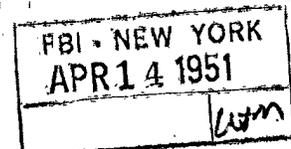
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
advised on April 5, 1951, that all he knows regarding the
above-captioned individual is that he is a song writer.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: EUGENE P. CONNOLLY
SECURITY MATTER - C

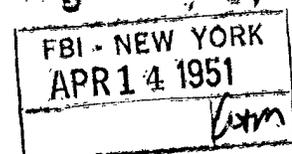
Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual:

CONNOLLY is a former Jeffersonian Democrat who
supported the LaGuardia Election Campaign. He has been in
the Party since the middle 1930s. He was a candidate and
was elected as a Councilman on the American Labor Party
ticket, but since the re-constitution of the Party in 1945
his difficulties developed with the Party. In about 1948
GEORGE BLAKE, Chairman of the New York County Committee of
the Communist Party, stated that CONNOLLY was expelled from
the Party.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓
100- (GEORGE BLAKE)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

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Re:
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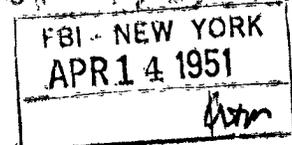
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
advised on April 5, 1951, that he does not know the above-
captioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

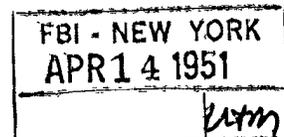
Re: AARON COPLAND
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that he does not know the above-captioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: HOWARD G. COSTIGAN
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that he does not know the above-captioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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FBI - NEW YORK
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: BRUCE CRAWFORD
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
furnished the following information regarding the above-
captioned individual on April 5, 1951:

CRAWFORD is a Southern editor. During the
period, 1937-39, he was head of the Writers' Project in
West Virginia, living in Palestine. He gave financial
contributions to the Party. He was not a Party member in
West Virginia; this, according to the informant, does not
mean that he was not elsewhere.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

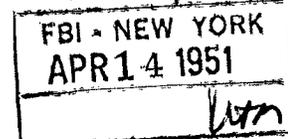
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that he does not know the above-captioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW DANA;
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual:

Mr. DANA was very active in the early 1930s in
the anti-Fascist League. The informant stated that the last
he heard of DANA was when he was arrested in Massachusetts
on charges of having illicit relations with boys.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual:

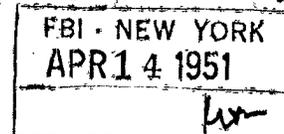
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[REDACTED], a sculptor, has given his name to
many sponsoring lists supported or initiated by the Party;
however, [REDACTED] party affiliation is unknown to the
informant.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: LEONARD HOWARD DECAUX
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual:

DECAUX, who is editor of the "CIO News", is well
thought of by the Communist Party; he may possibly be a
Party member.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, advised that the above-named individual is
unknown to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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66-3901-250

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: WILLIAM EDWARD DODD
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, advised that he does not know the above-
captioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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captioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

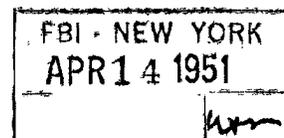
Re: OLIN DOWNES
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
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named individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: MURIEL DRAPER
SECURITY MATTER - C

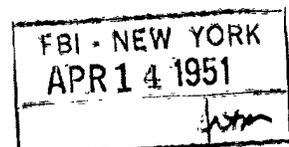
Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned subject:

MURIEL DRAPER is the mother of PAUL DRAPER.
Her main activity is in women's work. She is a member of
the National Women's Council, a close co-worker of CLARA
BODIAN (ph.), and coordinator of women's activities for
the party in 1949. MURIEL DRAPER was delegate to the
International Women's Congress in Budapest, Hungary. She
is known to be a Party member.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)
100- (PAUL DRAPER)
100- (CLARA BODIAN)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: W. E. B. DuBOIS
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned subject:

DuBOIS is one of the leaders and officials of
the National Association for the Advancement of Colored
People and is gravitating toward the Party and its position.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: JAMES DURKIN
SECURITY MATTER - C

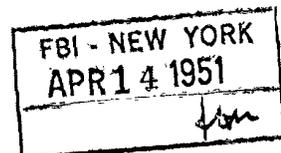
Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned subject:

DURKIN was the National President of the Office
and Professional Workers Union after the leader, LEWIS
MERRILL was expelled by the Communist Party.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)
100- (LEWIS MERRILL)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: PAUL DRAPER
SECURITY MATTER - C

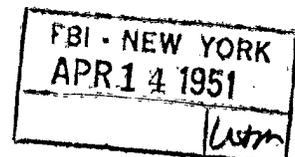
Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
furnished the following information regarding the above-
captioned subject on April 5, 1951:

PAUL DRAPER, dancer, is the son of MURIEL
DRAPER. He performed once at a Party-sponsored meeting
in Madison Square Garden around 1946. His Party affilia-
tion is not known to the informant.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓
100- (MURIEL DRAPER)

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New York, New York.
April 7, 1951

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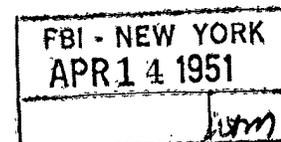
Re: ROBERT W. DUNN
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that ROBERT W. DUNN, known as BOB DUNN, is head of Labor Research at 799 Broadway. He is an old-time Party member and has attended numerous enlarged National Committee meetings of the Party.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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New York, New York.
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: ALFRED DRAKE
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised that the above-captioned individual is unknown to him. The informant was contacted on April 5, 1951.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: E. Y. HARBURG
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that the above-named individual is not known to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&O)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regarding the above-captioned individual:

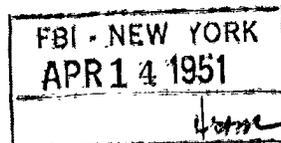
The informant stated that back in the 1930s [REDACTED] won a subscription contest to the "People's World" and was sent to the Soviet Union as a member of a delegation. In the 1930s she was known as a member of the Young Communist League.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: JOSE FERRER
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual:

JOSE FERRER is a recent winner of the Academy
Award. The informant stated that he saw FERRER'S name on
sponsoring lists. His Party affiliation is unknown.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

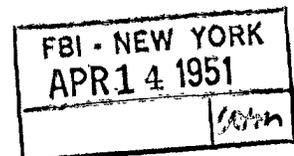
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
advised that the above-captioned individual is unknown
to him. The informant was contacted on April 5, 1951.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: HENRY PRATT FAIRCHILD
SECURITY MATTER - C

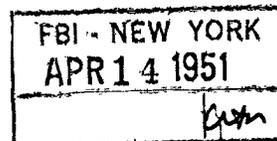
Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual:

The informant saw FAIRCHILD'S name on numerous
sponsoring lists; however, he does not know if FAIRCHILD
is a Communist Party member.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

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Re:



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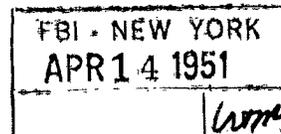
SECURITY MATTER - C

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April 5, 1951, advised that he does not know the above-
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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: FLORENCE ELDRIDGE,
aka Mrs. Fredric March;
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regarding
the above-captioned individual:

The informant stated that besides lending her
name to sponsoring lists the only connection he knows of is
that her understudy in her last play was one of the [redacted]
girls, the [redacted], who is a former county
organizer of the Communist Party in the Bronx, New York.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)
100- [redacted]

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FBI - NEW YORK APR 14 1951 [signature]
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: BARTLEY CRUM;
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
furnished the following information regarding the above-
captioned individual:

CRUM is a San Francisco, California, attorney.
He has given his name to numerous sponsoring committees
that were initiated by the Communist Party. He was a
delegate to Palestine. He wrote a book. His party
affiliation is unknown to the informant.

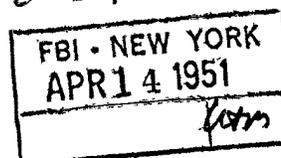
The informant was contacted on April 5, 1951.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

CC: 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

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New York, New York.
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised that the above-captioned individual is unknown to him. The informant was contacted on April 5, 1951.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
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New York, New York.
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: ;
SECURITY MATTER - C

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advised that the above-captioned individual is unknown
to him. The informant was contacted on April 5, 1951.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

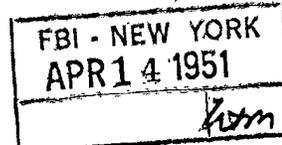
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to him. The informant was contacted on April 5, 1951.

EDWARD BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: JEROME DWIGHT DAVIS;
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
advised that the above-captioned individual is unknown
to him. The informant advised this on April 5, 1951.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: HUGH DE LACY
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
furnished the following information regarding the above-
captioned individual:

He was a left-wing member of the Commonwealth
Party in the State of Washington. He was elected to
Congress on the Democratic ticket. It is rumored that he
is a Communist Party member. In his campaign in the State
of Washington he received the full support of the Party.

The informant was contacted on April 5, 1951.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

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Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

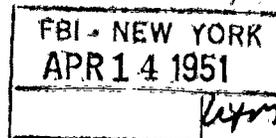
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advised that the above-captioned individual is unknown
to him. The informant was contacted on April 5, 1951.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: MARTHA DODD
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYT 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
furnished the following information regarding the above-
captioned subject:

MARTHA DODD'S name appeared on various sponsor-
ing lists supported, and some initiated, by the Communist
Party. She is the daughter of former Ambassador to Germany
DODD.

The informant was contacted on April 5, 1951.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: JOHN GARFIELD
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regarding the above-captioned individual:

In a conversation in 1949 with [redacted] of the Jewish Labor Council, [redacted] said that on his tour to the West Coast at one of his intimate parties JOHN GARFIELD, the movie actor, was invited and was present. [redacted] was former [redacted] of the Communist Party in New York State. He spoke highly of GARFIELD; the informant thinks he is a Party member although he did not see his Party card.

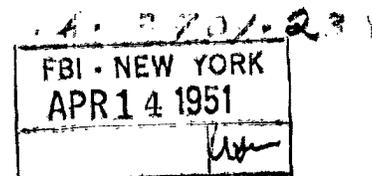
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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: WILLIAM GROPPER
SECURITY MATTER - C

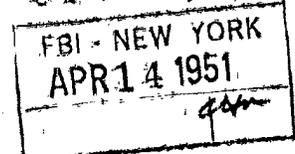
Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual:

GROPPER has been a cartoonist for the "Morning
Freiheit" for the last twenty years. He left for Poland
in 1948 or 1949 and refused to come back. His wife is
active here in the C.R.C. He is a party member.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

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Re:
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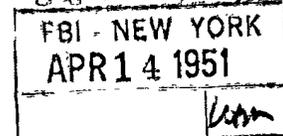
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that he does not know the above-captioned individual.

EDWARD BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

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Re:
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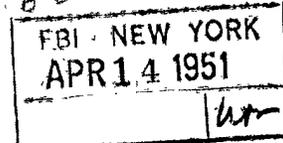
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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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New York, New York.
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

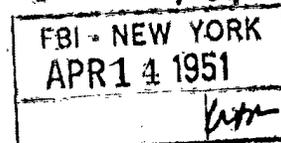
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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

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Re:
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Confidential Informant NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
advised on April 5, 1951, that he does not know the above-
captioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
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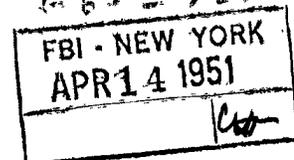
[REDACTED] is very closely associated with the top leadership of the Progressive Party. In 1949 he visited TITO and on his return wrote pro-TITO articles. He is considered a Titoite by the Party.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: HUGO GELLERT
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual:

GELLERT is an artist and his work appears from
time to time over the years in "The Communist" and also in
"Political Affairs". He is a member of the Communist
Party.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re:

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, advised that he does not know the above-
captioned individual.

EDWARD BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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66-3901-227

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
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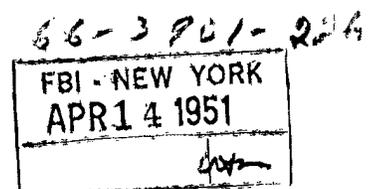
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, advised that he knows nothing about DeSILVA
except that he is a movie actor and director by occupation.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: MALCOLM COWLEY;
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
stated that he knows MALCOLM COWLEY is a writer but does
not know whether or not he is a Communist Party member.
The informant was contacted on April 5, 1951.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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66-3901-225

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
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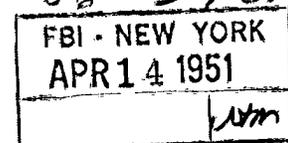
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[REDACTED] of the State, County, and Municipal Workers Union. He is considered a Communist Party member although the informant has never seen his Party card.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, as follows regarding the above-captioned individual:

[REDACTED] The informant saw him once at a mass meeting sponsored by the Party which the informant thinks was in Madison Square Garden.

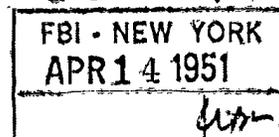
The informant advised that there is another [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who was a [REDACTED] of the Communist Party in Baltimore in the late 1930s.

Since the informant came back from the Army in 1945 he saw [REDACTED] only on one or two occasions around the Party building. He must be on a confidential assignment of some sort.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re; HOWARD FAST
SECURITY MATTER - C

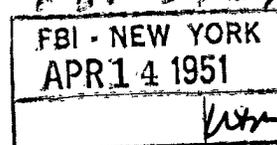
Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual:

The informant has seen FAST in the Party build-
ing on numerous occasions and states that FAST is a member
of the Communist Party.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 6, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: NORMAN LEWIS CORWIN
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
advised on April 5, 1951, that the above-captioned
individual is not known to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

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New York, New York
April 6, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: ;
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
advised on April 5, 1951, that the above-named individual
is not known to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

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New York, New York
April 6, 1951

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
on April 5, 1951, furnished the following information
regarding the above-captioned subject:

NYC 588 said that [REDACTED] name is very
familiar to him. He is either in the Transport Workers
Union or the Waterfront Section. [REDACTED] is definitely
a Party member because he was a problem from time to time.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

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66-3901-217

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 9 1951
<i>[Signature]</i>

New York, New York
April 6, 1951.

MEMO.

Re:

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER- C

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
on April 5, 1951, furnished the following information
regarding the above-captioned subject:

[REDACTED] was up until recently a functionary of
the Food Workers Union, A.F. of L. COLLINS played a lead-
ing role at the 1945 State Convention of the Communist
Party as a delegate, where he was one of the most vocal
delegates against BROWDER.

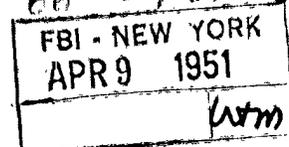
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[REDACTED] is a member of the Communist Party.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

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New York, New York
April 6, 1951.

MEMO.

Re:
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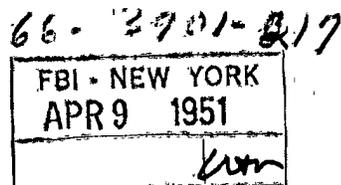
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
advised on April 5, 1951, that the above-named individual
is not known to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: EDWARD J. BROMBERG
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished by JOHN
LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

EDWARD J. BROMBERG is a movie actor. My first recollection
of him is his appearance at one of the Unemployment Council Affairs at
103rd Street and Columbus Avenue in 1934 where he played a scene from
the play "Scottsboro, They Shall Not Die". He played the role of the
attorney who went down to Alabama to defend the Scottsboro boys.

In Party circles he was known as a Party member.

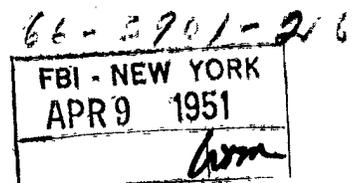
In 1948, [redacted] gave a
reception at the Savoy Plaza, 58th Street and Fifth Avenue, New York City.
BROMBERG was present at that reception.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

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April 5, 1951

MEMO.

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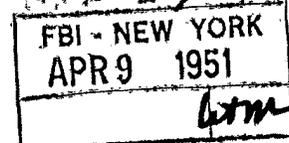
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no information concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: RALPH BATES
SECURITY MATTER - C

JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no information concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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FBI - NEW YORK
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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: ELMER BENSON
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished
by JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

The ELMER BENSON I referred to is the former
Governor of Minnesota. I do not know whether ELMER A. BENSON
is the same person as ELMER BENSON.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

EWB:amc
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FBI - NEW YORK
APR 9 1951
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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: ZLATCO BALOKOVIC
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished
by JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

BALOKOVIC is a Yugoslavian violinist and concert
artist. Up until the Cominform break with TITO, BALOKOVIC
was the National Chairman of the All Slav Congress. When the
Cominform broke with TITO he came out in support of the TITO
Regime in Yugoslavia.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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66-3901-217

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 9 1951
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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

ALBERTSON is about 40 years of age, 5'6", fair complexion, round face, brown eyes, and at the present time a member of the Pittsburgh District Secretariat under the leadership of STEVE NELSON.

The last time he was known as the Organizational Secretary of the Pittsburgh District.

In 1934 or 1935 he was a member of Section 18, West Side, Manhattan, and was managing a grocery store. Later on, he became a Union functionary in the Food Union, AFL. In 1948, he was Assistant Labor Secretary to JOHN WILLIAMSON for the National Committee of the Communist Party.

He is married and his wife was with him in Pittsburgh.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901
(STEVE NELSON)
(JOHN WILLIAMSON)

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re:

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SECURITY MATTER - C

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There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

[REDACTED] may possible be part of the
[REDACTED] family, well known in Jewish Theatrical world. [REDACTED]
may possibly be [REDACTED], although I am not positive
of this.

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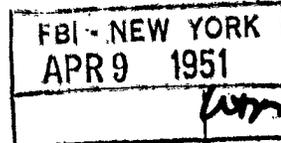
EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: ELMER A. BENSON
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588)

ELMER A. BENSON is the former Governor of Minnesota,
and also National Functionary of the Progressive Party.

To my best recollection, he went along with C. B.
BALDWIN and voted against WALLACE in Progressive Party policies
in a recent period.

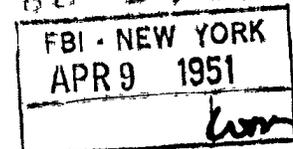
In the 1930s, the Party considered ELMER A. BENSON
as the best qualified to carry on [redacted] policies in the
Progressive Party in Minnesota.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO,

Re: MARC BLITZSTEIN
SECURITY MATTER - C

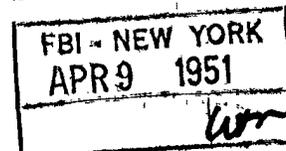
There is set forth below, information furnished
by JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

At a birthday celebration for MOTHER BLOOR in
1948 in Philadelphia, organized by the Communist Party of
Philadelphia, MARC BLITZSTEIN, composer, was one of the parti-
cipants in the program and played some of his compositions on
the stage at this affair. At the same affair the Master of
Ceremonies was the Grandson-in-law of MOTHER BLOOR, who presently
appears in numerous Hollywood pictures, WILT GEER.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901
(MOTHER BLOOR)
(WILT GEER)

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: [redacted]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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There is set forth below, information furnished by JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

A year ago, [redacted] was still on the City Radio Station as a featured artist. His specialty is folk songs and he accompanys himself with a guitar.

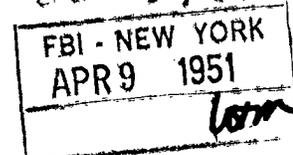
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He is considered in Party circles as a Party member. [redacted] was quite active in the WALLACE Presidential campaign with the so-called Wallace Caravan and he also appeared from time to time on Local 65 of the Distributive Trades so-called Nightclub programs at 131 Hester Place.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished
by JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

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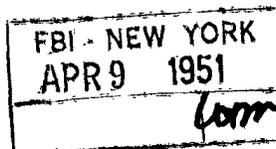
[REDACTED] is an attorney who represents numerous
labor unions. He is known as a Party attorney.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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NEW YORK, NY
APRIL 5, 1951

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CP, USA; ISC. NYC CS FIVE EIGHT EIGHT ADVISED THIS DATE THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE RECENTLY PASSED UPON MR. AND MRS. JULIUS ROSENBERG BY JUDGE KAUFMAN IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT COURT WILL HAVE IN HIS OPINION A TERRIFYING EFFECT UPON A PERCENTAGE OF THE CP MEMBERSHIP. INFORMANT IS OF THE OPINION THAT MANY RANK AND FILE PEOPLE AS WELL AS LEADERS ON A SECTION LEVEL IN THE CP WILL BECOME FRIGHTENED AND CONCERNED OVER THEIR PERSONAL SECURITY BECAUSE OF THE DEATH SENTENCE GIVEN TO THE ROSENBERGS. INFORMANT STATED THAT THE MANY COMRADES WHO REALIZE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSTANTLY CHECKING ON THEIR ACTIVITIES WILL BE SCARED AWAY FROM FURTHER CP ACTIVITY FOR FEAR OF BEING ARRESTED IN THE EVENT THE CP IS OUTLAWED RESULTING IN THEIR RECEIVING SEVERE JAIL SENTENCES, ETC. INFORMANT ALSO STATED THAT THE COMRADES WHO HAVE BEEN PARTY MEMBERS EMPLOYED IN SUCH POSITIONS AS ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC. WILL IN HIS OPINION ALSO BE SCARED AWAY FROM FURTHER PARTY ACTIVITY BECAUSE THEY WILL THINK THAT BECAUSE OF THEIR OCCUPATION THE GOVERNMENT WILL WATCH THEIR ACTIVITIES CONSTANTLY RESULTING IN THEIR POSSIBLE ARREST IF THEY ARE ENGAGED IN ANY ILLEGAL ACTIVITY IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. INFORMANT STATED THAT PROFESSIONAL CP PEOPLE, SUCH AS ENGINEERS, DRAFTSMEN, ETC, IF ENGAGED IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITY MAY ALSO DECIDE TO "CLEAN THEIR HANDS" AND COOPERATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT. INFORMANT STATED THAT BASED UPON HIS CP EXPERIENCE A SEVERE SENTENCE, SUCH AS A DEATH SENTENCE, UPON PEOPLE WHO WERE IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER CONNECTED WITH THE PARTY, SUCH AS THE ROSENBERG CASE, ALWAYS
CC: NY 66-3901 ✓

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HAS A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT TO THE SUCCESS OF PARTY ACTIVITY. INFORMANT WAS OF THE OPINION THAT PARTY MEMBERS EMPLOYED AS ENGINEERS, CHEMISTS, ETC. AND WHO MAY HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITY MAY SEEK STATE DEPT. PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY GIVING SOME PRETEXT AS THE REASON THEREFOR. INFORMANT ALSO REMARKED THAT PEOPLE WANTING TO LEAVE THE U.S. BECAUSE OF IMPLICATION IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITY OF A PRO SOVIET NATURE MAY DESIRE TO GO TO RUSSIAN SATELLITE COUNTRIES BY WAY OF SOUTH AMERICA. ABOVE FOR BUREAU INFO.

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

[REDACTED] is on the staff of the New York Herald
Tribune. While I was with Psychological Warfare during the war,
assigned to Allied Airforce Headquarters in Algiers, PETER RHODES,
who was an OWI employee and in charge of all monitoring in the
Mediterranean Theatre of Operation, told me that [REDACTED]
was all right, implying that all right meant from the point of
view of the Party. PETER RHODES, himself, is a Party member.

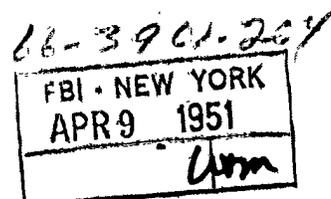
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In 1945 when I came back from the Army, speaking about
my experience to JOHN WILLIAMSON and mentioning RHODES, he knew
about PETER RHODES. Later on, the Section Organizer of the
Civil Service Workers, DOROTHY LOEB, also verified the fact that
PETER RHODES was a Communist.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓
(JOHN WILLIAMSON)
(PETER RHODES)

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

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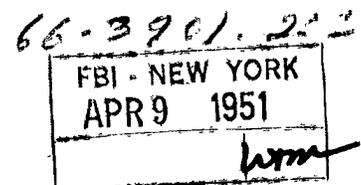
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no
information regarding the above-named individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

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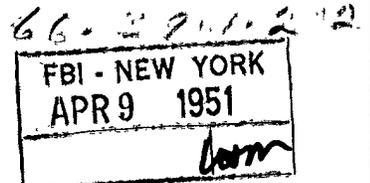
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no information regard-
ing the above-named individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: C. B. BALDWIN
SECURITY MATTER - C

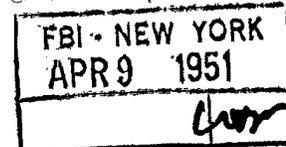
There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

C. B. BALDWIN is the national functionary of the
Progressive Party. He is known in Party circles as a reliable
person from the Party's point of view. He voted against
WALLACE when WALLACE took issues with some of the parties of
the Progressive Party.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: HERBERT APTHEKER
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

HERBERT APTHEKER is a writer on Negro problems and
known as a Party member in Party circles.

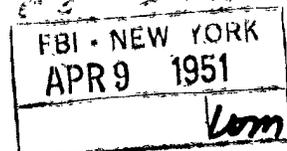
In this year's National Negro History Week, displays
at the Central Public Library on 42nd Street contained the works
of APTHEKER prominently displayed, although he is not a Negro.
The same collection of material later on was displayed in
Brooklyn.

APTHEKER is also teaching classes at the Jefferson
School of Social Science, 16th Street and Sixth Avenue, New
York City.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no information regarding
the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no information in regard to the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: DR. EDWARD K. BARSKY
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished
by JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

Dr. BARSKY is known in Party circles as an eminent
surgeon with offices in the sixties of Park Avenue.

BARSKY was in Spain where he introduced new methods
of surgery and gained a world-wide reputation. After Spain he
became one of the leaders in aiding Spanish refugees and he heads
the Spanish Refugee Committee in New York.

At one of the receptions held around 55th Street and
Broadway, New York City, in a Swedish smorgasbord place, an affair
held in honor of Party leaders who were indicted by the Government,
EDWARD K. BARSKY was present on the stage and spoke in behalf of
the defense of the Party leaders. At the same affair, GERHARD
EISLER was one of the speakers. So was EUGENE DENNIS, DIRK
STRUIK, and Dr. W. HOWARD MELISH, also on the stage.

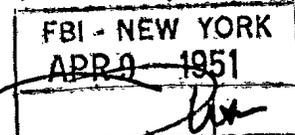
BARSKY, at this affair, carried on an intimate con-
versation with DENNIS, sitting right next to each other through-
out the affair.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

(EUGENE DENNIS)
(DIRK STRUIK)
(Dr. W. HOWARD MELISH)

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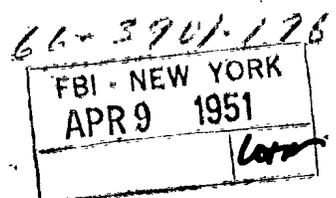
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish
any information concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no information regard-
ing this individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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MEMO.

Re: CHARLOTTE A. BASS
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) had no information regarding
the above-captioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

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MEMO.

Re: JOHN ABT
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

In 1941 in an informal conversation with MOTHER BLOOR
at the April Farm near Quakertown, Pennsylvania, MOTHER BLOOR
stated that SIDNEY HILLMAN does not care about the political
affiliation of JOHN ABT. MOTHER BLOOR also stated that JOHN
ABT was a member of the Communist Party.

JOHN ABT's sister is MARION BACHRACH, who is employed
by the National Committee of the Communist Party functioning
as a press relations personnel. JOHN ABT's wife is JESSICA
SMITH, editor of "Soviet Russia Today". She is the former wife
of HAROLD WARE, one of the leading Communists in the 1920s and
early 1930s, who was in the Soviet Union on numerous occasions.
HAROLD WARE is also the son of MOTHER BLOOR.

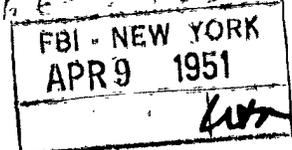
JOHN ABT at the present time is one of the attorneys
hired to represent the Communist Party in its hearings on the
McCarran Act.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

(JESSICA SMITH)
(MOTHER BLOOR)
(SIDNEY HILLMAN)
(MARION BACHRACH)
(HAROLD WARE)

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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) had no information regarding
the above captioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

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New York, N.Y.
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MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
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by JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

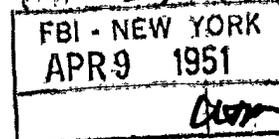
In the latter part of 1935 or early 1936, there was
a period of time when the Building Service Workers of the City
of New York were out on strike. A person by the name of Mrs.
[REDACTED] came up to the Section Headquarters of the Communist
Party at 81st Street and Columbus Avenue, and joined the Party
in the presence of the Section Organizer. This [REDACTED]
was known at that time as [REDACTED]
in the LaGuardia administration. Soon after she joined the Party,
at a city-wide Communist Party conference her name was mentioned
by the Section Organizer and AMTER instructed the Section Organizer
not to mention her name anywhere else any more. He implied that
she was becoming a member at large.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
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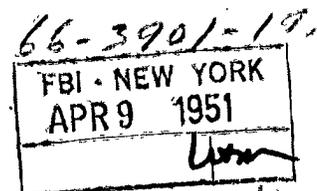
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no information concerning the above-named individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: MARY McLEOD BETHUNE
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information concerning
the above-named individual, as furnished by JOHN LAUTNER
(NYCS-588).

BETHUNE participates in lending her name to all
kinds of sponsoring lists. She is a Negro.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

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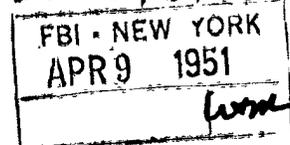
Re: ERIC BERNAY
SECURITY MATTER - C

JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no
information concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
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New York, N.Y.
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MEMO.

Re: LEWIS A. BERNE
SECURITY MATTER - C

JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no
information regarding the above-named individual.

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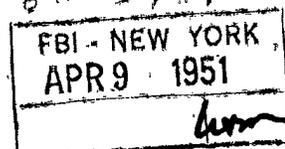
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) had no information regarding
the above-captioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
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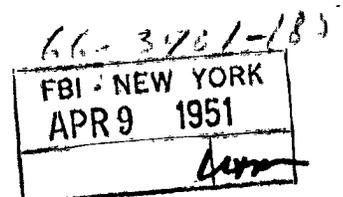
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) had no information regard-
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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
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MEMO.

Re: SUSAN B. ANTHONY
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588)

The name sounds very familiar, but I do not know
anything about her.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 6643901

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: SHOLEM ASCH
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

SHOLEM ASCH is a writer, but I do not know anything
about him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

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April 5, 1951

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Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no information
concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
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MEMO.

Re: LEONARD BERNSTEIN
SECURITY MATTER - C

JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no information concerning the above-named individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

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SAC, New York

April 4, 1951

Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

The Criminal Division of the Department has requested that the Government witness in captioned matter, John Lautner (ND-598), be in Washington next Monday morning, April 9, 1951, for approximately ten days of consultation in connection with preparing his testimony.

Mr. Lautner should be furnished the attached two G.T.R.'s. The typewritten notes attached to each are self-explanatory.

If there is any reason why Mr. Lautner can not be in Washington next Monday, A.M., the Bureau should be promptly advised by teletype.

Enclosures

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
JOHN LAUTNER - GOVERNMENT WITNESS
(Bufile 100-372598)

Re New York letter to Bureau 3/16/51, cc. to Cleveland.
Remylet 3/26/51.

There is being enclosed for the New York Office a certified copy of the weather conditions prevailing at Cleveland, Ohio on January 14 and 15, 1950, supplied by the United States Weather Bureau at Cleveland, Ohio.

The Naturalization records at Youngstown, Ohio were reviewed by SA JOHN RUSSELL GRAHAM. The information contained in the records is set forth below:

Petition for Naturalization Number 6752 reported in Volume 29 of the Naturalization Record in the Office of the Clerk of Courts for Mahoning County, was filed by JOHN LAUTNER JR. on February 5, 1926, showing his address to be 464 West Ravenwood Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio. His occupation was listed as bricklayer. He was born January 1, 1902 at Palanok, Hungary (later known as Czechoslovakia). He emigrated to the United States from Rotterdam, Holland on or about July 2, 1920, arriving in the United States at the port of New York on July 14, 1920 via the vessel Rotterdam. The Petition set forth information that he was not married.

LAUTNER filed his Declaration of Intention on February 16, 1923 at Youngstown, Ohio. Witnesses for LAUTNER at the time his petition was filed were MARIE LAUTNER and MIKE J. LAUTNER.

The Certificate of Arrival, issue number 96509, dated December 24, 1925 from the Commissioner of Naturalization, certifies that JOHN LAUTNER JR. arrived on July 14, 1920 on the Rotterdam.

Declaration of Intention Number 10960 filed February 16, 1923 with the Clerk of Common Pleas Court, Youngstown, Ohio, described JOHN LAUTNER JR. as follows:

Race:	White
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Brown
Complexion:	Fair
Height:	5' 6"
Weight:	165 pounds

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cc: New York (100-102320) (enc)

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The Declaration reflected that LAUTNER was born in the place and on the date reflected in the Petition, that he resided as of February 16, 1923 at Boardman Road, Youngstown, Ohio, and that he showed his last place of foreign residence as Palanok, Czechoslovakia.

The Order of the Common Pleas Court of Mahoning County, Youngstown, Ohio admitting LAUTNER to United States citizenship is dated May 27, 1926 and a notation on the reverse side of above-mentioned Petition reflects that Certificate of Naturalization Number 2261454 was issued to him on the same date.

For the further information of the New York Office, there was noted that another JOHN LAUTNER is listed in the Naturalization Records of the Office of the Clerk of Courts for Mahoning County. This JOHN LAUTNER filed a Declaration of Intention Number 1948 in the Common Pleas Court of Stark County, Ohio on March 6, 1917 and was admitted to United States citizenship by the Common Pleas Court of Mahoning County, Youngstown, Ohio on April 6, 1923. Certificate of Naturalization Number 1879652 was issued to him on the same date.

The Petition of this JOHN LAUTNER shows that he emigrated to the United States from Bremen, Germany on or about January 5, 1903, arriving in the port of New York on January 15, 1903 on the vessel Cassell. This JOHN LAUTNER is described in his Declaration of Intention as follows:

Race:	White
Born:	June 12, 1878 Varpalanka, Austria-Hungary (later part of Czechoslovakia)
Height:	5' 6"
Weight:	162 pounds
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Dark brown
Wife:	Mary, also born Varpalanka and still there as of March 6, 1917 when Declaration of Intention was filed.

This LAUTNER's wife was in Youngstown, Ohio as of April 6, 1923 when the Certificate of Naturalization was issued.

The Petition for this latter LAUTNER, Number 4225, showed that he had the following children:

MIKE	Born July 15, 1903 at Monessen, Pennsylvania
LEONARD	Born August 22, 1904 Monessen, Pennsylvania

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HELEN	Born April 4, 1907 New York, New York
FRANK	Born June 17, 1909 Hungary
GIZELLA	September 17, 1911 New York, New York

MICHAEL KORNICK, Mahoning County Deputy Clerk of Courts, Youngstown, Ohio, declined to photostat or allow to be photostated any part of the Naturalization Records, stating that such reproduction is prohibited by page 400, paragraph 29 of Immigration and Naturalization Laws and Regulations.

Efforts to locate the house in which JOHN LAUTNER was questioned and threatened have as yet been unsuccessful, although the Kingsbury Burn area and surrounding areas have not as yet been completely covered.

It is noted that in the directions set forth by JOHN LAUTNER, he has given very little descriptive matter regarding the appearance of the house, the position or size of the porch, and whether the door was centered or to the right or left side of the house. It is believed that the above information will be very helpful in further efforts to locate the particular house. If the information can be obtained from JOHN LAUTNER, it should be promptly furnished this Office for use in the current survey of the area.

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cc: New York (100-102320) (enc)

900 Standard Building
Cleveland 13, Ohio
March 26, 1951

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
JOHN LAUTNER - GOVERNMENT
WITNESS
(Bureau file No. 100-372598)

Dear Sir:

Re New York letter dated March 16, 1951, a copy of which was directed to the Cleveland Office.

[redacted] of the Hotel Cleveland at Cleveland, Ohio, furnished the registration card of JOHN LAUTNER which carries the return address 212 West 22nd Street, New York, New York. According to [redacted], LAUTNER signed in at 11:25 A.M. on January 14, 1950, and departed from the hotel at 11:49 A.M. on January 15, 1950. A review of the account card showed that he paid \$4.50 cash for the room and there were no extra charges.

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It is noted that the Cleveland Hotel is located on the Public Square in Cleveland and is directly adjacent to the Cleveland Union Terminal.

Information was obtained from the United States Weather Bureau at Cleveland with regard to the weather on January 14 and 15, 1950. On the 14th, .07 inches of rain fell at around 2:35 to 2:58 A.M. Gusts of wind reaching a maximum of 68 miles per hour prevailed during the early morning hours. A squall with gusts of wind up to 80 miles and no rain occurred at 5:00 A.M. Wind continued high up to 2:30 P.M. with gusts reaching 40 miles per hour.

cc: New York (Encs. 3) (100-102320)

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On January 15, 1950, 1.08 inches of rain fell in the form of sleet, freezing rain and light rain. At 8:25 A.M., sleet began falling turning to rain and sleet at 9:57 A.M. changing to rain at 10:27 A.M., and light rain continued until 11:00 P.M. At 11:00 A.M. the wind was 20 miles per hour from south-southeast. At 12:00 noon gusts reached 30 miles per hour.

There is being enclosed for the New York Office, the Hotel Cleveland registration card of JOHN LAUTNER, a Station Meteorological Summary and a Special Meteorological Summary.

Efforts are continued to obtain the additional information requested in the New York letter.

Very truly yours,

R. J. ABBATICCHIO JR.
Special Agent in Charge

New York 7, New York

April 4, 1951

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Director, FBI

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
FACTIONALISM
(Bufile 100-3-88)

100-16177 per file Bureau 4-11-51

Dear Sir:

CS NYC 588 was interviewed in connection with the above-captioned matter on 10/11/50, 1/5/51, 2/27/51, and 3/20/51.

Informant stated that the Communist Party, USA presents the appearance of being a highly unified organization with a closely-knit leadership; however, within the leadership of the Party several cliques exist. He advised that the leadership of the Party rests within the hands of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, EUGENE DENNIS, and JOHN WILLIAMSON, and that the second group within the leadership of the Party consists of the "new leadership" of GUS HALL, JOHN GATES, and ROBERT THOMPSON.

CS NYC 588 advised that JACOB "JACK" STACHEL had fallen from his once important position and was now a secondary leader in the Party. He stated that this change occurred at the time JOHN WILLIAMSON was appointed National Labor Secretary, Communist Party, USA. Informant stated that ROBERT THOMPSON and JOHN STEUBER were the two most vocal complainants against STACHEL when he was released as Labor Secretary and replaced by JOHN WILLIAMSON.

He further advised that GIL GREEN, CARL WINTER, and ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN more or less go their own way within the leadership of the Party.

cc: NY 66-3901 (P & C) ✓

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NY 100-87211

Informant stated that IRVING POTASH is influential in his own sphere of trade unionism and most of the time keeps to himself.

Informant advised that this was not a factionalist breakdown within the Party but rather the result of individual personalities within the leadership. Informant went on to state that the "new leadership", even though composed of younger men, could not actually be considered new prospects within the Communist Party for Communist Party leadership, even though they have risen rapidly to high positions within the Party since the 1945 Communist Party Convention, for THOMPSON, HALL, and GATES have all been in the Party for a minimum of twenty years. The informant pointed out that it might well be noted that WILLIAMSON, GATES, THOMPSON, and HALL had been prior to World War II Communist Party functionaries in the State of Ohio and attributed the fact that GATES, THOMPSON, and HALL had risen rapidly in Party leadership to the fact that they had served under the supervision of WILLIAMSON in Ohio and that WILLIAMSON had pushed them ahead in Party leadership.

Informant pointed out that ROBERT THOMPSON had returned from service in the Pacific theater of war in 1944 and had been brought by EARL BROWDER into the Communist Party leadership almost immediately upon his return, placing him in charge of veterans' affairs for the Party. Informant stated, however, that after the 1945 Communist Party Convention, THOMPSON was one of the most outspoken attackers of BROWDER.

In connection with THOMPSON, informant mentioned that [redacted] and that consequently, THOMPSON leads an unhappy home life and is a heavy drinker.

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Concerning JOHN GATES, CS NYC 588 stated that when GATES returned from service in the armed forces during World War II, because of his background in the Young Communist League work, the fact that he was formerly a section organizer, and because of his political experience gained during the Spanish Revolution, it was desired that he should be pushed ahead in the national leadership and consequently he was made Editor of the "Daily Worker".

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NY 100-87211

Concerning EUGENE DENNIS, informant stated that DENNIS was pushed ahead in the national leadership of the Party by BROWDER, who was probably influenced by European Communists, possibly by instruction from the Soviet Union, informant noting that after DENNIS returned from Russia he commenced his ascendancy within the Party. Informant stated that DENNIS has reached a high position of leadership in spite of the fact that he is not highly regarded within the Party; that he is not a highly-accomplished speaker nor is he scholarly in his approach to problems. He stated that DENNIS does not prepare his own speech material but that his speeches are prepared for him within Communist Party headquarters at New York City and are usually written, re-edited, and polished for a week before DENNIS gives such speeches. The informant stated that these speeches are re-edited and polished by GEORGE SISKIN, MARIAN BACHRACH, and others.

An interesting note furnished by informant was one concerning WILLIAM Z. FOSTER in which informant stated that approximately one month before the letter written by JACQUES DUCLOS appeared criticizing the Communist Political Association, GIL GREEN had been sent to tell FOSTER that if he did not behave and be more guarded in his remarks concerning the CPA, he would be expelled from the Party.

Informant stated along this line that after the DUCLOS letter appeared, the 1945 New York State Communist Party Convention was held and the matter discussed. It was the informant's opinion that the New York State Communist Party Convention in 1945 "got out of hand" and that in the subsequent 1945 National Convention where the Communist Party was reformed, the leadership was much more guarded in its approach.

Subsequently, the matter concerning the national leadership was referred to the National Committee of the Communist Party. EARL BROWDER was expelled and WILLIAM Z. FOSTER was decided upon as being the most logical leader for the Party. After the 1945 National Convention and after the leadership problem between FOSTER and BROWDER was corrected, informant stated that DENNIS took a leading part in Party affairs and that it was DENNIS who decided that the Party in the South would be dissolved resolving this problem on his own initiative.

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NY 100-87211

In connection with the 1945 New York State Communist Party Convention, informant stated that the behavior of the comrades attending this session was very disruptive and that there was a considerable amount of "mud slinging" among the leadership. He stated that many of the leaders took the floor and publicly denounced each other and that many of the leaders would not rise to defend themselves. Informant stated it was this experience which forced the leadership to be highly guarded in its approach to the 1945 National Communist Party Convention and that during the course of this convention, a Party bodyguard was assigned to stay with EARL BROWDER at all times and to take full notes on what BROWDER said and did during this convention and informant noted that at one time during the course of the convention, BROWDER was so disturbed that he sulked in a corner and openly cried. In informant's opinion, this one gesture of BROWDER helped finish him among the leadership and helped finish him as a member of the leadership of the Communist Party.

Concerning factionalism specifically within the Communist Party, USA leadership at the present time, informant advised it was his opinion that there was extremely little or none. He stated that in 1946 or in the early part of 1947, the "new leadership" of the Party was in a very precarious position in that it was extremely weak and vulnerable to attack.

It is informant's opinion that the indictment of the 12 Communist leaders did more to unify the Communist Party, USA than any single factor since the expulsion of EARL BROWDER.

He noted the fact that during the period 1946-1948, the Communist Party was extremely concerned with the activities of various factionalist or splinter groups but that after the indictment of the 12 Communist Party leaders and the subsequent trial, the various factionalist groups became frightened and threw whatever support they had behind the defense of the 12. The detailed results of the interviews with informant concerning factionalist groups are set out below.

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NY 100-87211

CS NYC 588 advised that SAMUEL ADAMS DARCY may be considered the most important individual in the factionalist movement at the present time. Informant advised he has known DARCY since 1930 and advised that even prior to this time, DARCY was active in the Young Communist League with MAX SCHACTMAN, who is now National Chairman of the Independent Socialist League. Informant advised that at this time, DARCY and SCHACTMAN were both with the Communist Party which at that time had its headquarters in Chicago and that DARCY had come to New York and in the early 1930's went to a Party position on the West Coast.

He stated that DARCY had achieved his high position in the Communist Party leadership through his work in the San Francisco general strike which had occurred in either 1934 or 1935 and had subsequently gone abroad to meet the important Communist functionaries in Europe. He noted that DARCY attended the Seventh World Congress in Europe and remained abroad for over a year. Informant stated that these experiences gave DARCY a preferred position within the Communist Party and that DARCY had been sent to Philadelphia as district organizer, District #3, Communist Party.

It was at Philadelphia, according to informant, that DARCY became acquainted with JOSEPHINE TRUSLOW ADAMS, whom informant described as the personal liaison agent between the late President ROOSEVELT and EARL BROWDER during World War II. DARCY and ADAMS became very close and according to informant, DARCY was "adopted" by ADAMS and took the name of ADAMS using this name for quite some time instead of his true name DARCY. Eventually, DARCY resumed the use of his own name, taking the name ADAMS as a middle name.

Informant stated that in the January, 1944 plenary session of the Communist Party, EARL BROWDER proposed the formation of the Communist Political Association and at this time DARCY immediately became outspoken against this plan.

Informant noted that also backing DARCY was WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and stated that DARCY continued his outspoken attacks against the revisionist attitude of BROWDER for which he was expelled in the spring of 1945 for allegedly circulating a slanderous letter against the Party to the Philadelphia press.

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Informant continued that after the 1945 national Communist Party Convention, DARCY was approached by the National Committee, Communist Party, USA, to return to the Party but that it was ascertained that during his period of expulsion, DARCY had written a book concerned with the revisionist period of the Party and that the National Committee wanted DARCY to submit this book for review before his return to the Party could be finally considered. CS NYC 588 stated that DARCY has flatly refused to submit this book for review and because of this attitude, the National Committee has continuously refused to consider his return to the Party.

Informant went on to state that actually, the National Committee was very much afraid of DARCY, inasmuch as he had a large following with the rank and file of the Party and the National Committee was very much afraid that DARCY would capture the Party leadership, which informant has stated and it is noted above at that time was extremely weak. He stated that the Party went out of its way to criticize DARCY as a former working-class leader who had deserted the proletariat and had become a successful businessman in the amateur line. He stated that in spite of this, DARCY'S leadership in the factionalist group has continued and the Party at the present time still regards DARCY as a formidable opponent, inasmuch as he has succeeded in recruiting such persons as MAX BEDACHT, formerly General Secretary of the International Workers Order, WILLIAM DUNNE, formerly a Communist Party leader in the National Maritime Union, and on the West Coast HARRISON GEORGE and VERN SMITH.

Informant stated that it was assumed in the Communist Party in 1949 that DARCY was attempting to unify all the factionalist groups in the United States and it was informant's opinion that he would have succeeded had it not been for the obstinance and leftist theories of FRANCIS FRANKLIN of New York and the PR Club (PAUL ROBESON Club-- CP expelled) of Bronx, New York. The latter club crusaded against this unification on the grounds that it was against a "hen-pecked leader". According to the informant, the present factionalist strength available to DARCY does not exceed 400 persons throughout the United States.

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Informant advised that DARCY'S group in Philadelphia publishes a factionalist newspaper known as "The Road Ahead", which publication is distributed all over the United States. Informant also noted that DARCY'S group in Philadelphia is suspected of including a lawyer from the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, a person of prominence whose name he could not recall, and possibly also coming under the influence of DARCY is ANNA PENNYPACKER.

It may be noted here that informant stated that MAX BEDACHT was actually expelled from the Communist Party, USA for being a Darcyite. He stated that BEDACHT and DARCY were friends of many years standing and that after DARCY had been expelled from the Party, BEDACHT had an occasion to go to Washington, D. C. and on this trip took his son as company. Informant stated that on the way back to New York, BEDACHT stopped in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, spending a night at the DARCY residence. Upon returning to New York, BEDACHT was brought up on charges by his son and was caught in a lie concerning this visit by his son and accordingly was expelled. Informant stated other reasons were given for the expulsion of BEDACHT and such reasons were published in the local press, as well as in the "Daily Worker", but actually the charge against him at the National Review Commission, Communist Party, USA, was that of being a Darcyite. The informant stated that BEDACHT was first ousted from the International Workers Order and he then bought a chicken farm in New Jersey transferring to the Party there.

The New Jersey Communist Party was given the job of finishing him off but apparently, in informant's opinion, BEDACHT was well regarded in his local county Communist Party club and at the county convention was elected a delegate to the State Convention. Informant stated that SID STEIN ordered BEDACHT finished off within the Party and that the New Jersey State Communist Party "gave him the knife" after the county convention with the result that BEDACHT never reached the New Jersey State Convention as a delegate.

Informant also mentioned that in connection with the disagreement of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and DARCY against the revisionist attitude of EARL BROWDER in 1944 that they were

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supported by [redacted] (Ph.), aka [redacted], whom informant described as an ex-Young Communist League leader, although [redacted] was not open in his disagreement. Another person in support of this attitude on the part of DARGY was [redacted] who was active in Chicago in trade union work.

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In connection with other factionalist organizations and publications aside from DARGY, informant mentioned first that after the 1945 National Communist Party Convention, many pamphlets and publications were published under the name "Americus", whom informant stated was subsequently identified to be EARL BROWDER.

Informant stated that one of the first factionalist publications was "Spark", which was published by the PR Club-CP (expelled), which was expelled for left sectarianism within the Party in 1946. He stated that this publication had been issued primarily by one [redacted] who wrote under the name [redacted]. "Spark" was supplemented by a sheet known as "Fore-'N-Aft" which was issued by a group in the National Maritime Union which followed the leadership of the PR Club. Subsequently, the PR Club was joined by one [redacted] an expelled comrade from the Kings County Communist Party, after which time the two publications joined and became known as "Turning Point".

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Informant went on to state that the Communist Party, USA considered the PR Club to be composed of between 15 and 20 members but that the Party was always at a loss to understand where the organization received its financial backing, for when "Spark" was first published and when "Turning Point" was first issued, all of the issues were printed and bound in red-coated paper, which informant stated was quite costly. Shortly after the first issues of "Turning Point", the paper started to come out in mimeographed form, which informant states was less expensive than printing but informant stated that due to the large number of copies of this paper published, it appeared to the Communist Party, USA that the persons publishing it were financially unable to support the paper and must have some outside backing.

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Another point which worried the Communist Party leadership was the fact that it could not be ascertained to what extent this unit influenced members of the Communist Party, USA and informant stated that the Party was concerned with each factionalist unit because its extent of influence could not be ascertained.

Another point which perturbed Party leadership was that the Party was at a loss to understand the source of mailing lists which the PR Club possessed, inasmuch as it was quite extensive and apparently included a large number of Party members. Informant stated that this matter was later resolved in his mind when it was ascertained that the different factionalist groups were exchanging mailing lists among themselves.

Informant stated that subsequently, another publication known as "New York Notes" was published by one [redacted] who was formerly employed by "Soviet Russia Today" but who had been discharged by that publication.

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Informant also stated that the New Committee for Publications (NCP) was a factionalist group headed by [redacted]

[redacted] who operates a news stand on the south side of 42nd Street, New York City, immediately west of Fifth Avenue. Informant pointed out that [redacted] was a Party name and that his real name is [redacted]. Informant advised that it was through this news stand that many factionalist publications appeared on the market. Informant noted that it was with this group that BRUCE MINTON and RUTH MC KINNEY were associated.

Informant stated, as is already known, that MINTON and MC KINNEY are man and wife who were expelled by the Party in 1948 for left sectarianism and who subsequently went to Belgium and as far as informant knows still reside there. Informant noted that this expulsion took place in the Communist Party of Connecticut and that this expulsion was appealed by [redacted] to the National Committee, Communist Party, USA,

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where the expulsion was upheld and reinstatement was denied. Informant stated that MINTON was a person of considerable education and advised that during the 1930's wrote a book on the economy of the United States which is a very scholarly volume. Informant stated that MINTON was formerly on the staff of "New Masses" and observed that RUTH MC KINNEY is an author in her own right, having published several books, the latest of which is a book entitled "Love Story" which deals with her meeting MINTON and her early associations within the Communist Party.

Another publication mentioned by informant was "Toward Socialism" which was published by the Bill Haywood Club (CP-expelled), which club was headed by FRANCIS FRANKLIN and [redacted]

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Informant advised concerning FRANKLIN that he was formerly an instructor at the Jefferson School of Social Science and a member of the Village Club, Communist Party, New York City. FRANKLIN became involved in difficulties with the Party over the stand taken by him in relation to the postponement of the 1947 National Communist Party Convention and the fact that he declared the 1945 emergency national convention unconstitutional. FRANKLIN was subsequently expelled from the Party together with [redacted] in March, 1948.

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The informant stated that the difficulty first came into the open when FRANKLIN first commenced fighting the removal of [redacted] as an instructor in the Jefferson School of Social Science in 1947. In February or March, 1948, FRANKLIN published an "open letter" to the members of the Communist Party, USA, protesting the stand of the Party on the 1947 National Convention and also the grounds for his expulsion. According to informant, this letter received great circulation throughout the United States and caused the national leadership of the Party some consternation.

Informant stated again the Party was at a great loss to understand where FRANKLIN obtained financial backing

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for this letter and also where the mailing lists from which addresses to which this letter was mailed were obtained. Informant noted that this letter received circulation and was mailed throughout the country.

It may be noted in this connection that even more consternation was exhibited by the Communist Party over the mailing lists used by the PR Club, inasmuch as when this organization published its treatise in 1946 concerning its stand after its expulsion from the Party, its mailing list was most complete pertaining to Party comrades.

Informant, in mentioning minor factionalist publications, stated that [redacted], a former section organizer in Queens County, New York Communist Party, was another person formerly engaged in the factionalist movement after reactivation of the Communist Party, USA subsequent to the 1945 Communist Party Convention. Informant stated that he believed [redacted] to be an expelled member of the Party and stated he leaned heavily toward Trotskyite teachings and advised that [redacted] organization did not last any length of time.

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Informant mentioned that throughout the country there have been small unimportant factionalist groups such as a group existing in the building trades union in San Diego, California, a very small group of youth members at Columbia University, New York City, which had an exceedingly short life, and a group of New York University (N.Y.C.) students which had been expelled from the Party and led by one [redacted], first name unknown. Informant also mentioned that there had been a small factionalist group headed by one BERNIE FREELANDER at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, which also was short-lived.

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Informant stated in New York City there had been a publication known as "Psychiatric Newsletter", which was published by an expelled Communist Party member whom informant stated was a psychopathic case, even though he was supposed to be a psychiatrist.

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Another factionalist publication mentioned by informant was "The Key". CS NYC 588 stated that the Communist Party, USA never ascertained who actually published this paper inasmuch as it was issued from a post office box in the Radio City station post office. Informant stated that in an effort to ascertain to whom this box was listed, the Party caused the Radio City station U.S. post office to be shadowed for some period but that it was subsequently ascertained that the mail for this box could only be picked up by someone appearing at the inquiry window and asking for the contents of the box.

Informant commented upon the fact that this publication contained otherwise unknown facts concerning certain Party members and also very factual material concerning the operation of the Party on the part of certain of its members. He stated for this reason, and also because there was a lack of political issues in the material published in this paper, and the fact that the information published was so factual and revealing to the extent that information which had never previously been made known to the rank and file Party members was published, that the Party leadership believed the publication was issued by the FBI for disruptive purposes and that at Communist Party, USA headquarters the paper was called "The FBI Schnissle" (Ph.), which is to say "The FBI Key".

One particular piece of information which informant stated the publication contained was that the house occupied by ROBERT THOMPSON in Queens, New York, as well as the house then occupied by SI GERSON in Brooklyn, New York, were purchased with Communist Party funds, which informant considered most unusual inasmuch as the Party in its normal business activity was most meticulous about the expenditure of "even a nickel".

Informant stated he also later learned that the then New York State Communist Party Treasurer, PAUL CROSBY, had speculated in purchasing real estate for the Party with Party funds. He also advised that CROSBY was reputed to have purchased a building in the Chelsea Section in New York City

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in the vicinity of West 22nd Street and Ninth Avenue for the purpose of installing a library which was to be used by comrades for research matter. Informant advised that at the time of CROSBY'S death in 1949, he understood that such a building had been purchased and that the Party was looking for an extremely trustworthy comrade to ostensibly be the resident of this house but who also was to cover up for the library to be installed therein.

In this same connection, informant stated that the Party maintained a very valuable library at the Jefferson School of Social Science and felt that this library would shortly, if not already, be moved to another location so that the library and its contents would not fall into the hands of the authorities if the school were seized by Federal agents.

CS NYC 588 also noted another factionalist publication known as the "Manhattan Communist Bulletin". According to informant, this publication was backed by one [redacted], formerly an instructor at the Jefferson School of Social Science and an expelled Communist Party member. [redacted] background, as stated by the informant pertaining to expulsion, was that [redacted] had taught organized Marxist classes to supplement his personal income, such classes having been formed by FRANCIS FRANKLIN prior to his expulsion from the Party.

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Assisting [redacted] in this publication was [redacted] [redacted], also an expelled Party member, who had written for the "Manhattan Communist Bulletin" prior to his expulsion from the Party. Informant advised that [redacted] had been bodily ejected from the 1947 New York County Communist Party Convention and charges were immediately preferred against him. [redacted] immediately entered counter-charges against the New York County leadership with the New York State Communist Party Review Commission. Informant advised that at the time [redacted] entered his counter-charges, he was told that the charges would be considered but that first the entire problem of [redacted] would be considered, including his support of the "Manhattan Communist Bulletin". Informant stated that [redacted] did not again appear at Communist Party headquarters after the fact that his connection with this publication was known to the Communist Party leadership was explained to him.

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Informant characterized [] as a member of the anti-CURRAN (JOSEPH P. CURRAN, President of NMU) faction of the National Maritime Union and until the time that [] attracted considerable publicity in the local press in the early part of 1951 for attempting to enter the Soviet Union with his family, had last heard from [] in 1949 when [] was beaten up for distributing anti-CURRAN literature at the National Maritime Union headquarters.

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Informant stated that the Communist Party leadership took [] to be an operator for the Office of Naval Intelligence. He explained this by stating that [] was a non-Party member but nevertheless he succeeded in obtaining jobs on Standard Oil Company vessels and aboard tugs in the New York Harbor, which informant stated was usually a very difficult task for a non-comrade.

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Concerning [] venture to Europe, informant advised that he considered the possibility that [] had been staked in this venture by some quasi-intelligence agency, explaining his statement as follows:

[] has been a rank and file seaman for several years and in this type of position his earnings have not been such as to place him in a position to accumulate a large amount of savings. Also, [] resided in an apartment where the amount of furniture he was able to have would not bring sufficient funds if sold to provide for air travel to Europe with his family. Informant stated that it was his opinion that [] trip had been financed by some agency seeking to place a possible source in an iron-curtain country.

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Concerning factionalist activities on the West Coast in the United States, informant advised that the strongest movement was that led by [] at Seattle, Washington, with secondary groups being led by VERN SMITH and HARRISON GEORGE in California. He also stated that [] published great quantities of material attacking [], [] for the Communist Party in the State of Washington, as well as the Communist Party, USA leadership.

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Informant stated that generally speaking, the factionalist groups in New York City, with the exception

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of the PR Club and the DARCY followers, have dissolved. He stated that the reasons for this dissolution are multiple, explaining as follows:

When the various factionalist clubs were either expelled from the Party as a group or were formed from expelled Communist Party members, they as a rule presented a thesis of being opposed to the leadership of the Communist Party, USA on the basis that the leadership was composed of right opportunists.

After the indictment of the 12 Communist leaders, the feeling among these groups was that if the leaders of the Communist Party, USA were indicted under the Smith Act, they too, being known to be of mere leftist leanings, would certainly, if they continued, be susceptible to indictment and apprehension under the same law.

Also in these factionalist groups in some instances the issue of white chauvinism was raised as a point of criticism against the Party but that in 1948 when the Communist Party, USA commenced expelling comrades on the grounds of white chauvinism, this point of criticism was lost to the factionalists. In view of this, many of these groups took as a point of issue the support of the defense of the indicted Communist leaders, and when they found that the common sympathies within their groups were with the Communist Party leaders, they lost their main point of contention and quietly folded up.

In this connection, informant was particularly questioned concerning the significance of the greetings sent by the Communist Party of the Soviet Union to the Communist Party, USA on the occasion of its 15th National Convention which opened 12/28/50. Informant construed this to be a blanket approval of the leadership, line, and activities of the Communist Party, USA.

In connection with the factionalist groups, informant pointed out that such groups as the PR Club, the FRANCIS FRANKLIN faction (BILL HAYWOOD Club), the [redacted] group, formerly known as the New Committee for Publications, as well as the group headed by SAMUEL ADAMS DARCY, operated on the

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premise that the present leadership of the Communist Party, USA was not fully acceptable to the Cominform and the CPSU, as evidenced also in the instance of the PR Club in pursuance of this belief setting forth its treatise mentioned above to the Cominform.

Informant stated that it was his opinion that the message of greetings from the Communist Party of the Soviet Union to the CPSU was a blanket approval of the Communist Party, USA and as such would remove the chief point of contention that the leadership of the American Party was not acceptable from the factionalist groups further destroying their effectiveness and wrecking their basic premise.

Informant supported this belief citing the example of the BILL HAYWOOD Club which was headed by FRANCIS FRANKLIN. Informant stated that apparently the spirit within this club was lost during the trial of the 11 Communist leaders and that it publicly announced that it would go out of business in its publication "Toward Socialism".

Concerning FRANKLIN, informant stated he believed FRANKLIN to be a "loud-mouthed individual" whose mental processes concerning Communism are fixed but that he would never change his attitude towards Marxism, inasmuch as he is a confirmed Marxist.

In describing the PR Club, informant stated this organization is inalterably opposed to the leadership of the Communist Party, USA and the method by which the Communist Party operates. He stated that when the club was expelled by the Communist Party, it published a treatise setting forth its position and sent a copy of this to the Cominform.

One of its stronger points at that time was the fact that the Communist Party, USA did not belong to the Cominform and that its activities were not mentioned in the Cominform paper "For a Lasting Peace--For a People's Democracy".

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Informant stated that shortly after this treatise was published and forwarded to Europe, there appeared short articles and news items concerning the Communist Party, USA in the Cominform paper and that the PR Club felt it had won a point. The club then began sniping at the Communist Party, USA for not selling the newspaper of the Cominform through the Worker's Book Shop and for not mentioning the existence of the paper in the "Daily Worker". Informant stated this was embarrassing to the Communist Party, USA, inasmuch as the publication "For a Lasting Peace--For a People's Democracy" could not be purchased in up-to-date copies at the Four Continents Book Shop or the Worker's Book Shop, inasmuch as the Four Continents Book Shop is the registered agent of a foreign government and all incoming material is therefore examined by the Customs Section of the Treasury Department, which results in the issues of this newspaper being delayed four to five weeks.

CS NYC 588 advised that the PR Club pushed the sale of this paper by taking out public advertising in the now defunct "New York Star" and its successor, the "New York Compass" advertising "For a Lasting Peace". Informant also stated that the PR Club publicly charged that the Communist Party, USA tried to suppress this paper.

Informant stated that after the PR Club tried to embarrass the Communist Party, USA, it stated that it was impossible to buy copies of this newspaper at the Worker's Book Shop. Some real embarrassment was felt in the Party particularly when it was indicated that the only person who handled this newspaper on a fairly current basis was [redacted], doing business as the Universal Distributors, Inc. Informant stated that the Communist Party suspected [redacted] as an operative of the Bureau or one who worked with the Bureau, inasmuch as his material was not held up coming through Customs, whereas the truth of the matter was that [redacted] material was not delayed because [redacted] did not register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, inasmuch as he handles material from any organization desiring an outlet and is not specifically the outlet for any one foreign government.

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Even though [] is considered a renegade by the Party, having been expelled by the Party in the early 1930's, informant stated that the Communist Party made a deal with [] whereby up-to-date copies of "For a Lasting Peace--For a People's Democracy" were purchased on a cash basis [] and then resold through the Four Continents Book Shop and the Worker's Book Shop. Copies of "For a Lasting Peace" were distributed after having been received from [] to Party officials and when the allotment for the Four Continents Book Shop was received from Customs, they were distributed to the rank and file comrades.

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Informant stated, during his remarks concerning this paper, that the paper was not mentioned in the "Daily Worker", nor were any of its articles published in the "Daily Worker", because if this were done it was felt within the Party leadership that it would be indicative of a tie-up between the Communist Party, USA, the Cominform, and Soviet Russia. However, informant stated that articles from "For a Lasting Peace" frequently found their way into the "Daily Worker", having been rewritten by JOSEPH STAROBIN and appearing without any indication that they were rewrite articles from "For a Lasting Peace".

During the course of interviews of informant, he stated that two expelled members of the Waterfront Section, Communist Party, New York City, have long been regarded by the Communist Party as potential if not actual workers for the FBI: First, [], who was formerly [] of the Waterfront Section, and second, []. In the case of [], informant indicated that this feeling existed, to informant's knowledge, shortly prior to [] expulsion.

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Concerning [], informant stated that prior to his expulsion from the Communist Party in early 1946, he had been a Party member for many years. Informant stated that EARL BROWDER had "had it in" for [] for quite some time and that when BROWDER was expelled from the Party, [] felt that he should move up in the leadership of the Party and that AL LANNON, who is now National Maritime Coordinator, CP, USA, whom [] disliked, should not go into a high position of leadership. He stated that for this, [] was expelled on the grounds of "disrupting the leadership".

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[redacted] was expelled for disruptive tactics, primarily for excessive drinking and drunkenness.

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CS NYC 588 advised that the reason the Party considered these comrades as actual and potential FBI workers was that it was generally known that these two men were in the United States illegally and being members of the Communist Party were not troubled with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, whereas the other comrades who were in the United States illegally were frequently troubled by INS.

During the course of the interview, informant mentioned that there has been a certain amount of bickering between the National Groups Commission of the Communist Party and the national leadership, Communist Party, USA. This has concerned the Party line put out by various Communist Parties in European countries and the feeling supported by the Communist Party, USA. To illustrate this, informant cited two examples.

He stated that at the time of the dispute over Trieste by Italy and Yugoslavia, the Italian Communist Party followed one line, whereas the Communist Party of Yugoslavia took a different line. Consequently, the comrades in the Italian field, Communist Party, USA, desired to follow the line of the Italian Communist Party, whereas persons active in the Yugoslavian work in the American Party desired to follow the line of the Yugoslavian Communist Party.

Again, during the Israeli dispute, the Communist Party of Palestine put forth one line which the National Jewish Commission wished to follow, which line was different from that of the Communist Party, USA. Informant stated in this instance, the difference was particularly noticeable, inasmuch as the Palestinian Party put forth a line which was noticeably anti-Arab, whereas the line followed by the Soviet Government and subscribed to by the Communist Party, USA, was that of reconciliation with the Arabs because the Soviet Government did not desire to incur the hard feelings of the Arabs and because it was desirous of obtaining oil from Arab countries. In both instances, the Communist Party, USA

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forced the comrades in the nationality groups to follow the line set out by the American Party no matter how it conflicted with the line of foreign parties.

Informant also advised that there is usually bickering between the Morning Freiheit Association, the National Jewish Commission, and the Party leadership, in which the name of [redacted] figures prominently, although informant stated that [redacted] sets out all statements on the part of the "Morning Freiheit" but has never been punished to his knowledge for his conflixtions with the Communist Party line.

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Informant stated that ALEXANDER BITTELMAN is regarded as Mentor to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER to informant's knowledge, stating that BITTELMAN has long been regarded as a strong theoretician and is high in Party circles, having retained his position as theoretician for many years.

The information contained in this letter is being disseminated to the files of the various individuals mentioned herein in the New York Office. Other offices mentioned herein will be furnished the information as it pertains to that office.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT
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New York, New York

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March 31, 1951

MEMO:

RE: JOHN LAUTNER
NYCS - 588

The above informant was interviewed in this office on March 20, 23, and 28, 1951. This informant furnished valuable information on Communist Party activity based on his knowledge and past experience in the C.P.

On March 20th last this informant was asked specific questions based on routing slip requests for information on subjects of Security Matter - C and Internal Security cases. He was also questioned on Daily Worker Press CP membership etc.

On March 23, informant was interviewed by Special Agent Art Madigan on the background of the Jefferson School of Social Science and the old Workers School of the C.P. He also discussed the C.P. Education Dept. and its tie-up with the Jefferson School.

On March 28th, informant was interviewed by Special Agents Al Gansky and Bob Downes on Hungarian CP activity. He also was interviewed on CP Trade Union Dept., Shoe Workers Union, CP Education and was asked specific questions on subjects of Security cases.

The writer believes the informant should be compensated in amount of \$20.00 per day total \$60 for these interviews.

ED W. BUCKLEY
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New York, New York
March 21, 1951

MEMO:

Re: IRA WALLACH, was:
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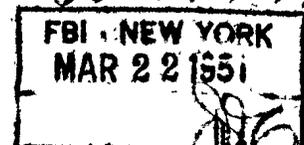
CS NYC 588 was interviewed by the writer on
2/13/51 concerning various writers and functionaries on
the staff of the "Daily Worker".

The informant identified WALLACH as the person
writing under the name of TED TINSLEY and also under the
name BOB LAUTER. Inasmuch as WALLACH has not previously
been identified with the name LAUTER, it is recommended
that this change be reflected on subject's Security Index
Card.

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March 16, 1951

Director, FBI

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
JOHN LAUTNER - GOVERNMENT
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Recurlet dated October 20, 1950 captioned, "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, SECURITY MEASURES; INTERNAL SECURITY - C," which set forth information concerning a trip made by JOHN LAUTNER to Cleveland, Ohio, on January 14, 1950, at which time LAUTNER'S life was threatened by Communist Party members, JACK KLING, JOE BRANDT and SOLY WHELMAN, in a cellar of a deserted house, in a certain section of Cleveland, Ohio, the exact location unknown.

For the information of the Cleveland Office, JOHN LAUTNER was a former Communist Party functionary who was expelled from the Communist Party in January 1950, is presently being considered as a Government witness in the prosecution of the Communist Party under the Internal Security Act of 1950.

The Department of Justice attorneys have requested that any evidence which may substantiate LAUTNER'S story concerning his experience in Cleveland, Ohio, on January 14 and 15, 1950, be verified.

The Cleveland Office is requested to obtain from the Cleveland Hotel at Cleveland, Ohio, the registration card which JOHN LAUTNER signed under his true name on Saturday, January 14, 1950. LAUTNER stayed overnight at the Cleveland Hotel, departing on January 15, 1950. The Cleveland Office should obtain this registration card verifying LAUTNER'S stay

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SAC, New York

March 1, 1951

Director, FBI PERSONAL ATTENTION

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Rebutel which requested the New York Office to arrange to have potential Government witness John Lautner present in Washington, D. C., next Monday, March 5, for interviews in connection with the captioned matter.

There is being transmitted herewith a Government Transportation Request which will take care of his travel accommodations to Washington, D. C. This should be given to him in sufficient time for him to make adequate reservations.

Enclosure

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at this hotel and should forward same to the New York Office. LAUTNER described the Cleveland Hotel as being located next to the Union Station building. It should be noted that LAUTNER gave his forwarding address on the hotel registration card as 212 West 22d Street, New York City.

LAUTNER advised that when he departed from the Cleveland Hotel on Sunday, January 15, 1950, on that particular morning it was raining very hard, and that on Saturday, January 14, 1950, a terrific cold wind was coming in from the lake region. The Cleveland Office is requested to check the weather reports for January 14 and 15, 1950 in an endeavor to verify LAUTNER'S description of the weather conditions in Cleveland on those dates. This information should also be transmitted to the New York Office.

There is being enclosed herewith to the Cleveland Office a description set out in eight steps which LAUTNER describes as the steps or direction taken by him when he was met at either 79th or 95th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, by a car which drove him to the house where he was questioned and threatened. Also enclosed is a rough sketch map drawn by LAUTNER which will serve as a guide to the description.

The Cleveland Office is requested if at all possible to identify the location of this house where LAUTNER was threatened. However, if such a lead would entail a tremendous amount of work on the part of the Cleveland Office, then this lead should not be considered and the Bureau and this office so advised. In the event the Cleveland Office is successful in possibly identifying the location of this house, the Cleveland Office should then set forth the exactness or the reliability of LAUTNER'S description of the house.

It is requested that the hotel registration card and weather report checks be done as soon as possible and forwarded to the New York Office.

The Cleveland Office is also requested to obtain a certified copy of the naturalization papers of JOHN LAUTNER who was naturalized May 27, 1926 at Common Pleas Court,

~~Confidential~~ Letter to Director, FBI
NY 100-102320

Mahoning County, Youngstown, Ohio, Naturalization Certificate
No. 2261454. This certified copy should also be forwarded to
the New York Office.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHELDT, SAC

New York, New York

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

March 16, 1951

Director, FBI

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
JOHN LAUTNER - GOVERNMENT
WITNESS
(BUFILE 100-372598)

JOHN LAUTNER, a former Communist Party functionary, has been cooperating with the New York Office for several months and is presently being considered as a Government witness in the prosecution of the Communist Party under the Internal Security Act of 1950. This information is being set out for the benefit of the Salt Lake City Office; the Bureau is familiar with this person.

JOHN LAUTNER was divorced [redacted], at the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada in the County of Washoe. The divorce was granted on August 16, 1950 to [redacted] plaintiff, vs. JOHN LAUTNER, defendant. Attorney ANTHONY M. TURANO represented the plaintiff; [redacted] represented the defendant. [redacted] address was listed as [redacted], Reno, Nevada.

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It should be noted that LAUTNER has advised that the attorney who represented him was not known by him, but that he gave consent to [redacted] attorney through correspondence to have [redacted] represent him. [redacted] apparently had been obtained through TURANO to give the proper appearance to the divorce proceedings. Informant stated that as a result of his being ousted from the Party and because of his confused state of mind at the time, he is unable to give the exact details as to the basis or grounds for the divorce. It should be noted that [redacted] is a Communist Party member and when the informant was expelled from the Communist Party in January 1950 [redacted] left him because she considered him an enemy of the Party.

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2 cc: ✓ Salt Lake City
1 cc: ✓ NY 66-3901

EWB:EXM
100-102320

6. 100-169

~~Confidential~~ Letter to Director, FBI
NY 100-102320

At the request of the Department of Justice attorneys who are considering utilizing LAUTNER as a Government witness, they have requested certified copies of the divorce proceedings which may be used as evidence. The Salt Lake City Office is requested to obtain certified copies of the divorce, case No. 131192, in the Second Judicial District Court at Reno, Nevada.

The Salt Lake City Office is also requested to furnish any derogatory information in their files concerning the attorneys, ANTHONY M. TURANO and [REDACTED], inasmuch as JOHN LAUTNER was of the opinion that [REDACTED] no doubt was recommended to her attorney through Communist Party connections.

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The Salt Lake City Office upon receiving photostatic copies of the divorce papers will forward them to the New York Office. It is requested that this be accomplished as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC

Director, FBI
SAC, New York

March 15, 1951

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT-1950

JOHN LAUTNER-GOVERNMENT WITNESS
(Bufile 100-372598)

100-5077 Bureau, Washington 100-11

For the confidential information of the St. Louis Office, JOHN LAUTNER, a former Communist Party leader who was expelled from the CP in January of 1950, has been cooperating with the New York Office for the last several months. LAUTNER has been interviewed by attorneys for the Department of Justice and it is anticipated that he will be called as a government witness in the prosecution of the CP under the Internal Security Act of 1950.

Since LAUTNER may be used as a government witness, the St. Louis Office is requested to obtain certified copies of the Army service record for JOHN LAUTNER, Army Serial Number #32622865, Technician 4th Grade, Headquarters Command 2679.

LAUTNER received an honorable discharge from the Army Separation Center, Fort Dix, New Jersey on 6/20/45.

St. Louis is requested to furnish the New York Office with the certified copy of this Army record which upon request from the Department of Justice attorneys, will be made available to them by the New York Office.

2cc: St. Louis
1cc: NY file 66-3901 ✓

EWB:JJC
100-102320

NEW YORK, NY
MARCH 12, 1951.

BUREAU (DEFERRED)

CP, USA; ISC. ISA FIFTY. EFFORTS TO CONTACT JOHN LAUTNER AT HIS HOTEL
THIS CITY RESULTED IN INFO BEING RECEIVED FROM HOTEL CLERK THAT MR. LAUTNER
WAS NOT EXPECTED BACK IN NYC UNTIL EITHER MARCH SIXTEEN OR SEVENTEEN, FIFTYONE.
APPARENTLY LAUTNER IS CONTINUING HIS INTERVIEWS WITH U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
ATTORNEYS IN PREPARATION TO APPEAR AS GOVERNMENT WITNESS. ABOVE FOR BUREAU
INFORMATION.

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100-102320

66-3901-167

NEW YORK, NY
MARCH 6, 1951

BUREAU (URGENT)

CP, USA, ISC, ISA FIFTY. REBUTEL MARCH ONE, FIFTYONE, REQUESTING POTENTIAL GOVERNMENT WITNESS JOHN LAUTNER IN CAPTIONED MATTER BE IN WASHINGTON MARCH FIVE FOR CONFERENCES WITH DEPT. TELETYPE AUTHORIZED LAUTNER BEING INFORMED DEPT. WOULD COMPENSATE HIM AT THE RATE OF FIFTEEN DOLLARS PER DAY, PLUS SIX DOLLARS PER DAY EXPENSES, PLUS TRANSPORTATION. SP. ASST. TO AG THOMAS J. DONEGAN ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY DEPT. TO INTERVIEW BENJAMIN GITLOW AND OFFER HIM A FLAT FEE OF FIFTY DOLLARS PER DAY IN CONNECTION WITH INTERVIEWS BY THE DEPT. AND TESTIMONY IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER. DONEGAN HAD APPOINTMENT WITH GITLOW THIS DATE AND AT THE REQUEST OF DONEGAN, SUPERVISOR W. T. MARCHESSAULT PRESENT. GITLOW ACCEPTED OFFER OF FIFTY DOLLARS PER DAY WHILE IN NEW YORK BUT STATED HE WOULD REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF TRAIN FARE PLUS PER DIEM OR HOTEL BILL IF HE HAD TO PROCEED TO WASHINGTON, D. C. FOR INTERVIEW. DONEGAN TELEPHONICALLY COMMUNICATED WITH MR. MC INERNEY OF THE DEPT. AND DONEGAN STATED THAT MC INERNEY FELT THIS AGREEMENT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPT. BUT MUST BE CONFIRMED BY PEYTON FORD. FOR THE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, APPARENTLY MC INERNEY FELT THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT MAY CAUSE LATER DIFFICULTY FOR THE DEPT. IN THAT OTHER GOVERNMENT WITNESSES BEING INTERVIEWED AND TO BE USED TO TESTIFY IN THESE CASES WILL BE PAID MUCH LESS THAN GITLOW AND FURTHER THAT THE FACT THAT GITLOW IS RECEIVING FIFTY DOLLARS PER DAY MINIMUM PLUS ADDITIONAL AMOUNT INDICATED ABOVE WOULD NO DOUBT COME OUT AT THE HEARINGS. THE BUREAU'S ATTENTION IS BEING CALLED TO CERTAIN POSSIBILITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER.

IF IT IS BROUGHT OUT AT A HEARING, AND IT NO DOUBT WILL BE, THAT GITLOW IS BEING
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WFM:DJG

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PAID THE ABOVE STATED AMOUNT, INFORMANTS LIKE JOHN LAUTNER WOULD POSSIBLY BECOME HOSTILE WITNESSES. FURTHER IT WOULD TEND TO ALIENATE HIS COOPERATION WITH THE FBI. IT IS FELT BY THIS OFFICE THAT JOHN LAUTNER WOULD BE EQUALLY AS VALUABLE AS A WITNESS IN ISA OF FIFTY CASES AS GITLOW AND MORE SO ON PROSECUTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACT. IT IS, THEREFORE, BEING RECOMMENDED THAT THE BUREAU CONSIDER TAKING UP WITH THE DEPT. THE SUGGESTION THAT IT CONSIDER INCREASING THE COMPENSATION PAID TO JOHN LAUTNER IN CONNECTION WITH HIS INTERVIEWS WITH THE DEPT. AS WELL AS POSSIBLY TESTIFYING AT FUTURE HEARINGS. THIS OFFICE FEELS THAT IN VIEW OF THE VALUABLE AND EXTENSIVE INFORMATION THAT LAUTNER HAS FURNISHED THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO AVOID LOSING HIS COOPERATION AND ESPECIALLY BECOMING A POSSIBLE HOSTILE WITNESS IN MANY ISA CASES WHICH NO DOUBT WILL COME UP FOR PROSECUTION.

SCHMIDT

NEW YORK, NEW YORK
MARCH 4, 1951

BUREAU

URGENT

CP, USA-ISC - ISA OF FIFTY. RE BUTEL MARCH THIRD FIFTY ONE. JOHN
LAUTNER DEPARTING TWELVE FIFTY FIVE AM TRAIN, PENN RAILROAD ON MARCH
FIFTH FIFTY ONE, UPPER SEVEN CAR AM DASH TWO EIGHT. ARRIVE WASH. D.C.
SEVEN AM. LAUTNER WILL REPORT TO ATTORNEYS PAULSEY OR SHAPIRO CRIMINAL
DIVISION DEPT.

SCHEIDT

EB: EDM
cc 66-3901

66-3901-165

- MR. SCHEIDT
- MR. WHELAN
- MR. STEIN
- MR. COLLIER
- MR. GILLESPIE
- MR. GRANVILLE
- MR. LEVVIS
- MR. MARCHESSAULT
- MR. McANDREW
- NIGHT SUPERVISOR
- MR. RAGAN
- MR. RING
- MR. SULLIVAN
- MR. WALSH
- MR. WOHL
- CHIEF CLERK
- PROPERTY CLERK
- TRAINING UNIT

NEW YORK 18 FROM WASH DC 1 3-29 PM /REPEAT
SAC DEFERRED

CP, USA-- IS-C-- ISA OF NINETEEN FIFTY. THE CRIMINAL DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT POTENTIAL GOVERNMENT WITNESS JOHN LAUTNER IN THE CAPTIONED MATTER BE IN WASHINGTON NEXT MONDAY MORNING, MARCH FIVE, FOR APPROXIMATELY A WEEK-S DURATION FOR INTERVIEWS IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARING HIM TO TESTIFY. YOU SHOULD ADVISE MR. LAUTNER THAT HE WILL BE COMPENSATED BY THE DEPARTMENT AT THE RATE OF FIFTEEN DOLLARS PER DAY FOR HIS TIME AND SIX DOLLARS PER DAY FOR EXPENSES. THERE IS BEING SENT UNDER SEPARATE COVER A GTR WHICH WILL TAKE CARE OF HIS TRANSPORTATION TO WASHINGTON, D. C., AND HE WILL BE FURNISHED ANOTHER FOR HIS RETURN. IF THERE IS ANY EXTREME RELUCTANCE ON THE PART OF MR. LAUTNER TO ACCEPT THESE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, THE DEPARTMENT WILL AUTHORIZE YOU TO GO AS HIGH AS TWENTYFIVE DOLLARS PER DAY FOR HIS TIME AND NINE DOLLARS PER DIEM. HOWEVER, IT IS FELT THAT THE FORMER FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE ADEQUATE. MR. LAUTNER SHOULD ALSO BRING WITH HIM ANY DOCUMENTS OR PAMPHLETS WHICH HE MAY FEEL PERTINENT TO THE GOVERNMENT-S CASE. SUTEL IF LAUTNER UNABLE TO BE IN

WASHINGTON NEXT MONDAYAM.

This is a second copy requested from Bureau by us.
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Garner

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E.W. Buckley Jr
 66-3901-163

New York, New York

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

February 28, 1951

MEMO:

RE: JOHN LAUTNER
CS NY 588

This informant was interviewed on Feb. 19, 21 & 27, 1951 during which the informant furnished oral information on Communist Party activity. Informant furnished information on different topics of CP activity to the interested Special Agents, which covered CP USA-Factionalism; Teachers Union; Jewish Activities; Trade Union Activities; United Nations. This informant has also furnished information on subjects of I.S.-R, I.S.-C and S.M.-C cases to the interested agents.

On 2/27/51 the informant furnished an interesting analysis of the recent speech of Premier Stalin which has been furnished the Bureau by teletype.

The writer requests \$60 compensation for NY 588 for the service rendered, plus \$125.00 extra expense authorized by Bulet 2/23/51.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

EWB:LJR
66-3901

FBI - NEW YORK
FEB 28 1951

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New York, New York
February 28, 1951

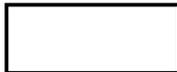
MEMO:

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
EDUCATION

On 2/13/51, CI ND 588, advised that he was of the opinion that the National Training School of the CP was probably in session. He stated that the school usually starts in January or February and continues to shortly before the first of May.

The informant stated that usually not more than seven people attend this school and that as a general proportion it is held in a different city each year. Informant further stated that the classes are also held in different places in the city. He indicated the student might meet in the homes of various party members.

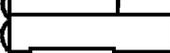
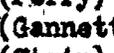
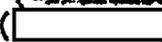
The informant suggested the following individuals might be connected with the school as instructors:



School Directors

- PETTIS PERRY - Negro problem
- BETTY GANNETT - Organizational Problems - Political Economy
- SID STEIN - Labor
- JOHN WILLIAMSON - Labor
- 
- MED SPARKS - Maybe in charge

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- cc-NY 100-9573 (Sparks)
- NY 100-42479 
- NY 100-13204 
- NY 100-10304 
- NY 100-50845 
- NY 100-92763 (Perry)
- NY 100-13483 (Gannett)
- NY 100-50090 (Stein)
- NY 100-23774 (Williamson)
- NY 100-9595 

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Sparks

FBI NEW YORK
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JOG

MEMO
NY 100-80633

CI ND 588 further advised that in the National School there may be found three or four district organizers on leave from their districts, a couple of trade union leaders. Usually there is a Negro or a woman in the group. Informant stated that the latter is a political requirement.

Informant also stated that while in the N.Y. Public Library last week he observed [redacted] doing some research work. He also said that about a month ago when visiting the library he saw [redacted] doing some work. He suggested that she might be the woman member of the class.

Informant further advised that it is usual at this time each year to conduct the State Training School. He said that this is a cadre school of 15 or less students and is generally held away from NYC. He indicated the State School is under the personal charge of [redacted] and wherever he is located there the school is being conducted.

ARTHUR B. MADIGAN, SA

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New York, New York

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February 28, 1951

MEMO:

RE: JOHN LAUTNER
ND 588

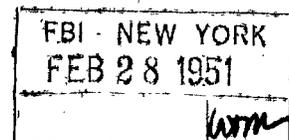
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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

EWB:LJR
66-3901



New York, New York
February 27, 1951

MEMO:

RE: ISIDORE COHEN
SM - C

CI ND 588, on 2/20/51 advised that the subject and his twin brother JOE COHEN were charter members of the CP. JOE COHEN ran for N.Y. State Senator in State Assembly on CP ticket in 1939 or 1936, from East Side District in NYC.

Subject married a school teacher [redacted] (ph), she is a NYC School teacher. She is a member of Board of Education, Marrows(ph) commission. The informant stated that subject and wife lived on [redacted]. Subject is the business Agent for Jewelers Local AFL union. In early 30's subject was a CP organizer in Pittsburgh, Pa. Subject was and no doubt still is a CP member. Subject may have resigned from CP because of Taft Hartley Act but this is a cover up only, subject would still be connected with CP. b6 b7C

JOE COHEN lives in Sunnyside, LI and is in Photo Off-Set Business and a friend of Queens County CP leaders.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY, SA

cc-NY 66-3901
cc-NY 100- (Joe Cohen)

EWB:LEW
100-83052

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FEB 28 1951

NEW YORK, NY
FEB. 27, 1951

BUREAU - URGENT

CP, USA- INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS; IS-C. REBUTEL FEBRUARY TWENTY SIX LAST.
AND FIVE EIGHT EIGHT WAS INTERVIEWED AT NYO ON THIS DATE. ONE. THE INFORMANT
ADVISED THAT JOSEPH STALIN'S STATEMENT REAFFIRMED THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE
SOVIET UNION. INFORMANT BELIEVED THE REASON FOR THE STATEMENT WAS TO BOLSTER
HIS POSITION IN THE SO CALLED NEW DEMOCRACIES AS WELL AS IN THE COMMUNIST
PARTIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES. ANOTHER PURPOSE FOR HIS STATEMENT WAS FOR THE
REASON THAT PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY FOR FOREIGN MINISTERS FOUR POWER CONFERENCE.
THIS STATEMENT CAME AT A TIME WHEN THERE WERE ELECTIONS IN THE SOVIET UNION.
INFORMANT BELIEVES THAT THE OVERALL PURPOSE OF STALIN'S STATEMENT IS TO
REAFFIRM THAT THE SOVIET POLICY IS FOR QUOTE PEACE AND DEMOCRACY UNQUOTE
AND TO POINT OUT THAT THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES LEAD BY THE U.S. ARE BENT
TOWARDS AND ORGANIZING A THIRD WORLD WAR. STALIN'S STATEMENT WILL SERVE
AS THE VOICE OF AUTHORITY FOR THE PEACE AUTHORITY AND WILL BE USED EXTENSIVELY
BY ALL CP PARTIES AS PROPAGANDA ALL OVER THE WORLD. INFORMANT BELIEVES
ANOTHER PURPOSE OF THE STATEMENT WOULD BE TO SERVE AS AN ORDER FOR THE
STEPPING UP OF ACTIVITIES IN REGARDS TO THE PEACE MOVEMENT, AND TO
PROPAGANDIZE THE WESTERN COUNTRIES AS WAR MONGERS. STALIN'S STATEMENT
APPEARS TO BE AN AGGRESSIVE STATEMENT IN THAT HE DOES NOT APOLOGIZE FOR
THE ATTITUDE OR THE STAND TAKEN TO DATE BY THE SOVIET UNION EITHER BEFORE
THE U.N. OR OTHERWISE. STALIN'S STATEMENT IS CALCULATED TO FORCE THE

CC: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:JDF (#7)
100-86624

66-3901-159

LEADERS OF THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES TO TAKE A DEFENSIVE POSITION ON THE QUESTION OF PEACE. THIS STATEMENT INTENDS TO MINIMIZE THE DEFEAT RUSSIA SUFFERED IN THE U.N. ON THE QUESTION OF CHINESE AGRESSION. THE INFORMANT STATES THAT THE STATEMENT REAFFIRMS THE POLICY THAT THE CP OF THE SOVIET UNION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF STALIN IS THE ONLY LEADERSHIP IN THE SO CALLED STRUGGLE FOR PEACE. TWO. THE INFORMANT STATES THAT STALIN'S ATTACK ON ATLEE IS A CRUDE ATTEMPT TO CREATE A BREAK IN WESTERN DEMOCRACIES. STALIN SINGLED OUT ATLEE IN AN EFFORT TO DISRUPT THE RANKS OF THE BRITISH LABOR PARTY ITSELF ON THE QUESTION OF PEACE. STALIN WANTS TO CREATE A BRITISH GOVERNMENT CRISIS BY HIS ATTACK ON ATLEE RESULTING IN THE OUSTER OF ATLEE. STALIN QUESTIONED ATLEE'S KNOWLEDGE OF POLITICAL ECONOMY BY STATING QUOTE HOW CAN ATLEE ACCUSE RUSSIA OF PREPARING FOR WAR UNQUOTE. THE FACT IS RUSSIA HAS A PLANNED ECONOMY WHICH WILL BENEFIT ITS FAST EXPANSION SAYS STALIN. THE INFORMANT STATES THAT SINCE ATLEE AS HEAD OF THE BRITISH LABOR GOVERNMENT HAS NOT ACCEPTED STALIN'S CONCEPT QUOTE OF PRESERVING THE PEACE UNQUOTE, THEREFORE ATLEE CANNOT BE ANYTHING BUT A WARMONGER. INFORMANT BELIEVES THAT ^{BY}THE ATTACK ON ATLEE, STALIN LAYS THE GROUNDWORK FOR INCREASED COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE BRITISH POSSESSIONS AND IN BRITISH DOMINIONS. THE INFORMANT STATES THAT THIS AT ACK ON ATLEE IS TO DISCREDIT AND BELITTLE HIM SINCE STALIN IS AWARE THAT ATLEE IS IN A DIFFICULT SPOT TODAY SINCE

HIS CONTROL OF PARLIMENT AMOUNTS TO ONLY A FEW VOTES. THREE. IN REGARDS TO THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF THE MINISTERS OF THE WESTERN POWERS, STALIN'S STATEMENT REAFFIRMS THE POSITION TAKEN BY HIS REPRESENTATIVES, NAMELY WALIK AND VISHINSKY, AT THE U.N. IN THE RECENT MEETINGS ON THE QUESTION OF CHINA, KOREA, ETC. THE INFORMANT BELIEVES THAT THE STATEMENT WILL SERVE AS A GUIDE TO ANY SOVIET UNION DELEGATE WHO WILL TAKE THE POSITION THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS FOR PEACE AND WILL EMBARRASS THE OTHER MINISTERS BY POINTING OUT THAT THEY ARE SUPPORTING A WAR POLICY OF THE WESTERN POWERS BY SPONSORING AND SUPPORTING THE GENERAL EISENHOWER PROGRAM, AND BY THE EXTENSION OF THE MARSHAL PLAN AID TO YUGOSLOVIA AND SPAIN. THE STATEMENT TENDS TO PLACE THE MINISTERS OF THE WESTERN COUNTRIES ON A DEFENSIVE SIDE. FOUR. THE INFORMANT STATES THAT THE SOVIET'S POSITION HAS ALWAYS BEEN THAT CAPITALISM AND THE ERA OF IMPERIALISM AS AN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SYSTEM IS ON A DECLINE. RUSSIA HAS POINTED OUT QUITE FREQUENTLY OF LATE THAT EIGHT HUNDRED MILLION PEOPLE LIVE UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM IN THE NEW DEMOCRACIES IN HARMONY AND CONTENTMENT. STALIN HAS ATTEMPTED TO SHOW, THEREFORE, THAT CAPITALISM TO MAINTAIN ITS DOMINATION AND NOT TO LOSE FURTHER GROUND INEVITABLY RESORTS TO WAR. THIS PROPAGANDA STATEMENT HAS BEEN MADE BY STALIN TO SOLVE ANY ECONOMIC CONTRADICTIONS WITHIN RUSSIA AND TO CONTINUE THEIR HOLD OF POLITICAL DOMINATION OVER NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. INFORMANT BELIEVES

THE POSITION OF STALIN WHO DECLARES QUOTE OF FIRST RATE IMPORTANCE UNQUOTE FOR RUSSIA IS THE CONTINUED STRUGGLE FOR PEACE. INFORMANT BELIEVES THAT STALIN WANTS TO CREATE IRRITATION, DISCONTENT, ETC. IN THE PEOPLES OF THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES BY PROPAGANDIZING THAT RUSSIA WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR PEACE AND THAT WAR IS NOT INEVITABLE AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT TIME. INFORMANT BELIEVES THAT THE LONGER STALIN CAN PREPARE FOR WAR UNDER THE DISGUISE OF STRUGGLING FOR PEACE THE CAPITALIST GOVERNMENTS WILL DECLINE, BECAUSE OF THE FINANCIAL BURDEN THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES ARE PLACED UNDER IN CONTINUING THEIR PRESENT PROGRAM. THE INFORMANT ALSO STATES THAT STALIN PREACHES PEACE BUT AT THE SAME TIME WILL TRY TO PROJECT LOCAL WARS AND CREATE NEW POINTS OF IRRITATION BETWEEN THE WEST AND THE SOVIET UNION ITSELF. THE INFORMANT STATES THAT STALIN APPEARS TO FAVOR A CONTINUATION OF THE COLD WAR BUT IN A MORE INTENSIFIED FORM AND THAT RUSSIA WILL ATTEMPT WHEREVER POSSIBLE TO CREATE OR CAUSE ANY WARS OF LIBERATION OF COLONIAL PEOPLES. THE INFORMANT STATES THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL ALWAYS DEFEND SUCH LOCAL WARS AS QUOTE JUST WARS UNQUOTE OF THE PROLETARIAT. FIVE. IN REGARDS TO THE RECENT BREAK OF SEVERAL PROMINENT CP LEADERS IN ITALY, INFORMANT STATES THAT THIS MAY HAVE BEEN CASUED BY THESE LEADERS BEING DISSATISFIED WITH THE METHODS AND SOME OF THE POLICIES SET DOWN BY THE ITALIAN CP LEADERSHIP. THE INFORMANT STATED THAT THE IMPORTANT POINT TO CONSIDER IS THAT THE CAUSE FOR SUCH DISAFFECTION

IS THE LACK OF DEMOCRATIC PROCEDURE IN THE CP IN ANY COUNTRY. THE INFORMANT STATED THAT NO ONE CAN VOICE OR MAINTAIN A POSITION CONTRARY TO THE PROJECTED LINE OF THE CP AND CONTINUE TO REMAIN IN GOOD STANDING. ALTHOUGH THE PARTY PREACHES THAT ANY COMRADE CAN VOICE AN HONEST DISAGREEMENT WITH THE CP LINE, THE INFORMANT STATES THIS IS NOT SO. ANYONE DEVIATING FROM THE PARTY LINE BY EITHER GOING TO THE LEFT OR RIGHT IS IMMEDIATELY TAKEN TO TASK. THE INFORMANT STATED THAT BECAUSE OF THE SPREAD OF COMMUNISM IN ITALY DURING THE PAST YEARS THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PARTY LEADERSHIP IN ITALY HAS PROBABLY SHOWN SOME OF THE DEJECTED ITALIAN LEADERS THAT THEY MUST ACCEPT THE PARTY LINE WITHOUT QUESTION. THE INFORMANT BELIEVES THAT THESE DEFECTIONS WILL HAVE AN EFFECT ON THE CP OF ITALY BECAUSE THE ITALIAN PEOPLE ARE SOMEWHAT NATIONALISTIC AND WHEN THE RANK AND FILE GROUPS SEE THE LEADERS DEJECTING THEY MAY CONSENT TO FOLLOW THEIR LEADERS, RESULTING IN GROUPS OR BRANCHES WALKING OUT ON THE PARTY RESULTING IN SERIOUS ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS TO THE CP OF ITALY. SIX. IN REGARDS TO THE CP OF CHINA, THE INFORMANT STATED IT IS DIFFICULT TO ANSWER AT THIS TIME HOW SUCCESSFUL THE CHINESE CP WILL BE IN ORGANIZING THE CHINESE PEOPLE BECAUSE SUCCESS OR FAILURE WILL DEPEND ON PREVAILING WORLD CONDITIONS. THE INFORMANT STATED THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE U.N. FORCES IN KOREA MAY BELITTLE THE CHINESE CP IN THE EYES OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE. THE INFORMANT

STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION NINETY NINE PER CENT OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE
ARE IGNORANT OF THE AIMS OF THE CP OF CHINA.

SCHMIDT

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York
FROM : Director, FBI
SUBJECT: JOHN LAUTNER
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ND-588

DATE: February 23, 1951

PERSONAL ATTENTION

- ...MR. SCHEIDT
- ...MR. WHELAN
- ...MR. STEIN
- ...MR. COLLIER
- ...MR. GILLESPIE
- ...MR. GRANVILLE
- ...MR. LEVVIS
- ...MR. BARNETT
- ...MR. WATSON
- ...MR. WHELAN
- ...MR. WELSH
- ...MR. WOOD
- ...CHIEF CLERK
- ...PROPERTY CLERK
- ...TRAINING UNIT

Reurlet February 5, 1951.

Since Lautner is not furnishing current information on Communist Party activity due to his expulsion from the Communist Party, he should be designated a confidential source. A notation to that effect has been made at the Bureau and you should do likewise. There is no objection to your continuing the use of his permanent symbol number.

With regard to Lautner's desire to obtain a position with the Voice of America, it is the Bureau's opinion that affirmative steps should not be taken by the Bureau to assist him in this regard. If, however, Lautner submits an application to VOA, the Bureau will furnish the facts of his recent cooperation for VOA's confidential information but at the same time it will be pointed out by the Bureau that the Bureau cannot vouch for Lautner. You may tell Lautner the Bureau will acknowledge his recent cooperation but cannot, due to his past Communist affiliation, deny such association or vouch for his ability in relation to any employment he may desire.

Authority is given to furnish Lautner up to \$125 to be used by him in attempting to obtain a card in the Bricklayers Union.

In view of Lautner's financial condition, after the present interviews with him are terminated, you should recommend a particular sum which you think he should receive if he is able to be of assistance in regard to Bureau cases requiring his cooperation.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

February 21, 1951

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COMMUNIST PARTY - U.S.A.
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT - 1950
(Bureau File # 100-3-74)
(Bureau File # 100-372598)

100-10177 Bureau Admission 2/15/51

Enclosed herewith is a copy of "THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL- Special Chinese Number", VOL. XIII dated February 1950, Special Number. This copy was furnished by MD 588, for the Bureau's information and for the information of the Department of Justice Attorneys WILLIAM PAISLEY and IRVING SHAPIRO.

It should be noted that MD 588 was interviewed by these attorneys relative to his appearance as a government witness in connection with the prosecution of the CP USA under the Internal Security Act of 1950.

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New York, New York

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February 15, 1951

MEMO:

RE: JOHN LAUTNER
ND 588

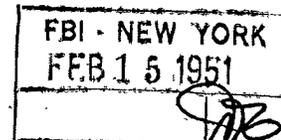
On 2/1 & 13/51 the above informant was interviewed in N.Y. Office for information on various phases of Communist Party Activity by agents interested in such phases. The informant discussed the Tenants League; CP Funds; Compic; Hungarian Matters; CP Press and Education as well as information on BERNARD CHESTER, IS-R, etc.

On 2/5/51 the writer interviewed the informant on specific questions furnished by the Bureau plus review of routing slips on subjects of SM-C, Applicant and Loyalty cases.

In view of the cooperation furnished by ND 588 for 3 interviews the sum of \$60 is requested.

E. W. BUCKLEY
SA

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New York, New York
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MEMO

Re: CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE
INFORMANT 588

On December 14, 1950, Confidential Informant ND 588
furnished the following information:

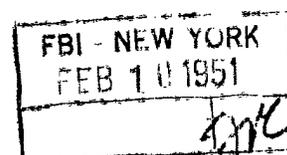
He stated that PETER HARISIADES has contended that after EARL BROWDER had ordered all non-citizens out of the CP that he, HARISIADES, left the Party. Informant advised that this contention of HARISIADES is not so because up until 1948 HARISIADES had attended meetings of the National Groups Commission of the CP under the chairmanship of STEVE NELSON. Informant stated that it would have been impossible for a non-Party member to attend such meetings.

Informant stated that HARISIADES participated actively in the discussions of these meetings, and that on one occasion during a discussion on the Trieste question sometime in 1947 or 1948, [redacted], whom he described as a member of the Italian group, supported the Italian position on Trieste.

For this reason, informant stated, since that position was not in line with the CP line, [redacted] was censored by the Party and MIKE SALERNO later wrote an article clearly setting forth the CP position on the Trieste question.

At this same meeting, according to the informant, the question of Macedonia came up for discussion and PETER HARISIADES differed in his opinion with [redacted]. Informant recalled that HARISIADES differed with [redacted] position in that HARISIADES supported the Greek CP position as announced by the Greek Communist, General MARKOS.

cc: PETER HARISIADES (100-82579)
[redacted] (100-98334)
[redacted] (100-18129)
[redacted] (100-64879)
MIKE SALERNO (100-64382)
[redacted] (100-58757)
EDITH ROSENBERG (100-55159)
FEDERATION OF GREEK MARITIME UNIONS (100-80094)
ABRAHAM UNGER (100-73561)
[redacted] (100-58620)
AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRATIC PEACE (100-65601)



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Informant stated that HARISIADES was accepted by the CP as the Greek national leader of the Greek CP in the US.

On one occasion, the informant stated, sometime in the Summer of 1949, PETER HARISIADES came to the informant in the Office of the State Review Commission of the CP in NYC with a Greek seaman's book which book had been issued by the Greek Government in Cairo.

According to the informant, PETER HARISIADES requested the informant to forge a number of copies of the seaman's book, stating that he wanted to use copies of the seaman's book to smuggle Greek seamen into Greece for the purpose of having them join the Greek rebel army. Informant stated that he advised HARISIADES that the seaman's book was a poor copy and that a forgery could not be made.

Subsequent to this incident, informant advised, approximately two months later [redacted], whom the informant described as the regional director of the West Side Section of the CP, approached the informant with the same Greek seaman's book, and requested that forged copies be made. Informant stated that [redacted] was similarly advised that because of the poor condition of the book no copies could be forged.

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Informant advised that the "Greek-American Tribune" is a Greek newspaper, and that as far as he could recall, HARISIADES was at one time connected with this newspaper and that the paper followed the Party line as dictated by the American CP.

Informant advised that one EDITH ROSENBERG, who was connected with the American Council for a Democratic Peace, participated at CP meetings at the national headquarters of the CP at NYC sometime during 1947 and 1948 during the period when the Greek situation was critical. He advised that PETER HARISIADES was the moving factor behind the American Council for a Democratic Peace.

It is to be noted that the American Council for a Democratic Peace is presently defunct, but has been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

It is further noted that EDITH ROSENBERG was the executive secretary of the American Council for a Democratic Peace.

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Informant identified a picture of one [redacted], whom he described as an individual who attended meetings of the CP during 1947 and 1948. He described [redacted] as some kind of a functionary of the Greek Seamen's Union.

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In this connection it is noted that [redacted] as Confidential Source of Information [redacted] Southern Building, Bronx, New York, had described [redacted] as a Greek Communist who was a member of the Greek Communist club Maltezos in 1949. [redacted] stated that the Maltezos Club ceased functioning sometime in 1949.

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ND 588 advised further that there are two Greek Communist clubs which he believes are operating in NYC. One, he stated, is the old Greek Communist club which used to meet at the Spartacus Club, 25th Street and Eighth Avenue, and some new Greek club composed of the younger element among the Greeks concerning which he could furnish no further information.

Informant advised that ABRAHAM UNGER is a Party organizer of the Lawyer's Section of the CP. He advised further that [redacted] and [redacted] are both members of the Lawyer's Section of the CP.

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ND 588 stated that he had conducted business dealings both with UNGER and [redacted], and that they had attended high committee meetings of the CP in 1949. He recalled that both UNGER and [redacted] were present at Party meetings which were called for the purpose of expelling BELLA DODD.

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He also advised that [redacted] attended Party meetings, and he recalled that in 1940 [redacted] was sent by the Party to West Virginia for the purpose of rendering legal aid for members of the Party.

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SAC, New York

NATIONAL GROUPS COMMISSION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bufile 100-3-91)

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On January 17 and January 23, 1951, Confidential Informant ND 588 advised SA JAMES J. MC CARTHY of this office that the correct title of captioned organization is National Groups Commission, which is short for The National Commission on National Groups, and that it is not National Group Commission. He also said that the correct title for the similar organization in New York State is New York State National Groups Commission.

It has been noticed in the past that sometimes the letters and other correspondence issued by the National and New York State organizations did not always refer to these organizations under their correct title.

The informant continued that in 1945 when [redacted] was [redacted] of the National Groups Commission, he was close to EARL BROWDER and in that year was succeeded by STEVE NELSON. The informant recalled that at the time STEVE NELSON became Chairman the following were members of the National Groups Commission:

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ISRAEL AMTER
ALEXANDER BITTELMAN

[redacted]
PETER HARRISIADES
JOHN LAUTNER

[redacted]
SAM MILGROM
[redacted]

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The informant said that subsequently MICHAEL SALERNO replaced [redacted] When NELSON left, he was succeeded by ARNOLD JOHNSON and JACK STACHEL. Under JOHNSON and STACHEL the methods of operation of the commission were changed. Meetings were held

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once a month and at that time they called in the editors of the various papers controlled by the Party for a review of the newspaper's line and for indoctrination of the editors in the latest Party line. The informant related that once a week at each paper there is also a meeting of the staff for about a half hour or so to explain the Party line which must be followed by the paper.

The informant stated that when [redacted] became [redacted], he followed the same policies that had been introduced by JOHNSON and STACHEL.

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The informant advised that the next most important man after the Chairman is a SAM MILGROM, who owes his importance to his post in the multi-lingual International Workers Order.

The informant declared that there is a division of work on the National Groups Commission between the 9th floor and the 5th floor. He recalled that the 5th floor takes care of Puerto Rican work, which is handled on a state level by ISRAEL AMTER and GEORGE BLAKE, who are the specialists on Puerto Rican work. The informant stated that the Puerto Rican Commission also handles Spanish matters. He said that there was a struggle for years between the Puerto Rican group and the Spanish group but that now the Puerto Ricans have won out. He continued that ISRAEL AMTER is their contact at Party headquarters.

The informant advised that an individual known only as [redacted] to him pays attention to all Spanish problems and is the contact of the Party on all Cuban problems. The informant added that [redacted] consults the National Committee on all Caribbean and Latin American problems and at one time had an office on the 9th floor. It should be noted that the above individual is [redacted]
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The informant said that there is also a separate commission for the Negroes which is headed on a national level by BEN DAVIS and PETTIS PERRY and by [redacted] in New York State. He said that the balance of the National Groups Commission work was handled on the 9th floor.

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The informant identified the [redacted] of the New York State National Groups Commission as [redacted].

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The informant stated that under the National Groups Commission there are various commissions for each national group and that the membership of these commissions is very fluid and changes frequently. The informant furnished the following information concerning the various National Groups Commissions set out below:

National Jewish Commission, CP, USA - This commission was formerly known as the Jewish Buro. Its Chairman until recently was ALEXANDER BITTELMAN. BITTELMAN was such an important figure in the Communist hierarchy that [redacted] substituted for him at meetings. When [redacted] could not do so ISIDORE WOPSY, former District Organizer in Connecticut, took BITTELMAN'S place.

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According to the informant, the National Jewish Commission has jurisdiction over all phases of the Jewish progressive movement such as cultural schools and propaganda. It carries on the fight against the Jewish Socialists and especially against the Jewish "Daily Forward." The "Morning Freiheit" is only one instrument of the National Jewish Commission. The membership of the Board of Directors of the "Morning Freiheit" is not identical with that of the National Jewish Commission.

The informant explained that the Jewish Commission is like a big holding company for all Jewish work. He added that the National Jewish Commission is much more complicated than any other National Group Commission because of the great number of organizations and of Party officials who are Jewish. He said their big difficulty consists of explaining Soviet policy to the Jewish people. He added that the Soviet officials in setting their policy never consider the Communist Party, USA, and as a result situations often arise wherein Soviet policy is most difficult to explain to the Jewish people.

The National Jewish Commission has subcommittees wherever there is a "Morning Freiheit" office, built around that office-- in Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Newark and Philadelphia.

The informant identified the following commissions under the control of the National Groups Commission as well as the leaders of these commissions:

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German Commission - [redacted]
Hungarian Commission - ZOLTAN DEAK
Greek Commission - PETER HARRISIADES
Yugoslav Commission - LEO FISHER and ANTONY MINERICH,
both in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Italian Commission - Formerly MIKE SALERNO
Rumanian Commission - HARRY FAINARU, Editor of the
"Romanul American," Detroit,
Michigan
Armenian Commission - [redacted] of
"Lrapper," published in New
York City
Polish Commission - Formerly BOLESLAW GEBERT, now
THOMAS S. DOMBROWSKI
Slovak Commission - Formerly [redacted] in early
1940's. Informant did not know
identity of present Slovak leader.
Czech Commission - [redacted]
Puerto Rican Commission - JESUS COLON
Lithuanian Commission - [redacted]
Estonian Commission - FELIX KUSMAN former leader
Chinese Commission - [redacted]
Finnish Commission - [redacted] of the "China Daily News"
[redacted], who is now in
[redacted] Wisconsin, and is
of the Finnish Section
of the International Workers Order.

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The informant advised that [redacted] at one time was a
Communist Party organizer in Harlem, New York; later in
Minnesota; now back in Wisconsin.

The informant explained that a [redacted], whose first
name he did not know, at one time headed the Austrian Commission
but that he went back to Vienna a few years ago. The informant
did not know the identity of the present leader.

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In regard to the Lithuanian Commission the informant
stated that [redacted] was the [redacted] of the
Lithuanian Commission due to the fact that the National Committee
wanted to relegate ANTHONY BIMBA to a less important position.

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The informant stated that the Estonian Communists meet at an Estonian Workers Club which is located in the vicinity of 125th Street and Second Avenue, New York City.

The informant stated that at one time there was an Indonesian Commission which was headed by an individual whose name he could not recall. He remembered, however, that this individual left for Poland two years ago and he believes he has returned to Indonesia since then.

The informant added that the Scandinavian Communists are a very small group in the United States and are mostly located in Seattle and Chicago. He had no information as to whether a Scandinavian Commission existed or not.

The informant was unable to furnish any information as to whether any Bulgarian Commission or Philippine Commission existed. He did advise, however, that the Bulgarians had a paper in Detroit.

The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau and of those offices receiving copies of instant letter.

Director, FBI

February 5, 1951

De SAC, New York

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De
JOHN LAUTNER
ND-588
(Bureau File 100-16177)

Reourlet 10/31/50 and Bulets 11/9/50 and 1/30/51.

ND-588 has been cooperating with this office since approximately October, 1950, and during these past several months has furnished valuable and reliable information concerning his knowledge of Communist Party activities. This informant has furnished reliable information relative to such phases of Communist Party activity dealing with underground activity and security measures, as well as the National Groups Commission, Communist Party connection with the ALP, etc. This informant has furnished valuable information concerning National Communist Party functionaries.

The informant has been interviewed by agents of this office relative to the various phases of Communist Party activity as mentioned above and has rendered wholehearted cooperation with every agent. It is to be noted that the informant has been honest in his appraisal of Communist Party activity, and when the informant was not in a position to answer a question based on his past Communist Party association, the informant unhesitatingly remarks that he does not know an answer to a particular question. The informant has also indicated that when he answers a question put to him, he will answer the question based on facts or he will indicate whether his answer is based on hearsay remarks as related to him by other Communists whom he knew.

ND-588 has advised that he has endeavored to secure employment through the United States Employment Service as well as private employment agencies, but with negative results thus far. The informant has advised that he has made a twenty dollar down payment towards receiving a Union card in the Bricklayers Union in New York City in an endeavor to find part-time employment as a bricklayer, if at all possible, in the Spring season when activity in such work is on the increase. Informant stated that in order to receive a Union card, remarking that once he was a member of the Bricklayers Union, it will cost him about \$125.00. Informant stated that at the present time he has approximately \$300 personal savings, which he must count on for his sole support, which is excluding the money received from this office.

The informant has continued to reside in a small single room at the Midway

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Hotel, 100th Street and Broadway, New York City, since about December, 1950. Informant has advised that because of limited funds available to him plus the fact that he realizes that sooner or later his financial connection with this office will have to come to an end, he has humbly asked the Bureau if they can render any assistance at all in securing employment for him. Informant stated that because of his past Communist background between the period 1930 and 1950, this portion of his life, he believes, will serve as a mark of distinction to his detriment in securing employment in the future.

In discussing with the informant what particular type of employment he had in mind in which he thought this Bureau could be of assistance to him, the informant stated that in view of his past Communist Party connection and his extensive knowledge of the Communist Party Line and its methods of propaganda, he thought he may be able to serve himself and his Government as well by being connected, if at all possible, as an analyst or research man, or otherwise, in the Voice of America. The informant stated that since he is free and not tied down with family obligations, his wife being divorced from him, he would be willing to work any hours or serve the Government in any city or State, if he were granted the opportunity to become connected with the Voice of America. Salary would be no object as long as it afforded him a living wage.

Informant stated his desire to be connected with the Voice of America would be one way of trying to expose the Communist Party either here or abroad in one way or another through the medium of the Voice of America.

It should be noted that the informant is more than willing to testify in any Bureau case as well as testify as a Government witness under the Internal Security Act of 1950.

The informant has set forth a resume of his background which he thinks may qualify him for some type of position with the Voice of America.

Resume:

"As to my knowledge of the Hungarian language:

- 1) Went to Hungarian Public, High School and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to Teachers College.
- 2) From 1929 up to present spent substantial time in Hungarian Affairs in U.S.

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- "(a) From 1930 to 1933 editorial worker, speaker for the 'Uj Elore', Hungarian Daily.
- (b) 1941-42 editorial worker for 'Magyar Jove'.
- (c) 1942 National Secretary of the Hungarian Section of International Workers Order.
- (d) At war period, 1943-45, was with Psychological Warfare Branch for 24 months in Africa and Italy. Monitored Hungarian programs, wrote leaflets in Hungarian for distribution in Hungary by 15th U.S. Air Force; also did broadcasting in the Hungarian language to Hungary from Radio Station Bari, 283 m. longwave.
- (e) 1945-46 was active in Hungarian affairs with 'Magyar Jove', Hungarian Council for Democracy, Hungarian Relief, etc.

"Being a leading member of the Communist Party for 20 years, I feel competent in detecting Communist propaganda in any form, also qualified to refute, counteract such propaganda.

"I am a graduate of War Department Military Intelligence Training School at Camp Rickett, MI.-1943. 5th Class."

In view of the informant's cooperative attitude and humble request seeking assistance in any way possible from this office, the Bureau is requested to consider the request of this informant.

The above information is set forth to the Bureau in the event the Bureau desires to sound out or contact a high official of the Voice of America who may be in a position to be of some assistance in helping the informant become associated with the Voice of America. It should be noted that no promises of any kind have been made to the informant pertaining to any assistance this office could render. As a matter of fact, the informant has been advised of the Bureau's feelings as set forth in their letter dated November 9, 1950.

However, it is felt that since the informant is facing a financial obligation and is somewhat upset about his future in so far as making a living, that in dire necessity the informant may attempt to peddle his information or knowledge of Communist Party activity to either private agencies who are interested in securing such information against the Communists; or to other Government agencies, such as, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, where such people as the informant have been given jobs and then are called on to testify in the Immigration and Naturalization Service's cases.

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It should be noted that the informant in keeping his original promise to this office has advised that he has not contacted any other private company, government agencies, newspapers, or writers in an attempt to sell information in his possession relative to Communist Party activity. The informant has by no means threatened to take such a step in the event this Bureau can render him no assistance, but there is always a possibility because of personal hardship he may get the idea to follow such a pattern.

The Bureau is requested to review the above suggestion and advise this office as to a final recommendation.

New York, New York

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February 3, 1951

MEMO:

RE: JOHN LAUTNER
CNDI - 588

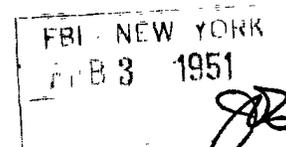
During the period 1/21 thru 3/51 the above informant was contacted four times by the writer for information on past Communist Party Activity.

On 1/23/51 this informant was interviewed for several hours in the N.Y. Office. Informant identified from photographs a number of comrades known to him, who attended the 15th National Communist Party convention. Informant also furnished information on different divisions of C.P. activity such as National Groups Commission, Tenants; and background on C.P. national functionaries.

In view of the above the sum of \$50.00 should be paid ND 588 for this period.

E. W. BUCKLEY
SA

EWB:LJR
66-3901



Director, FBI

February 2, 1951

SAC, New York

LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT, 1947

ReBulet 12/26/50 and ourlet 1/12/51.

In ourlet of January 12, 1951, the information furnished in this letter came from ND 588, and not ND 558, which is the symbol now set out in ourlet.

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DATE: January 30, 1951

TO : SAC, New York
FROM : Director, FBI
SUBJECT: JOHN LAUTNER
ND 588
Your file 66-3901

Based upon the personal recommendation contained in your letter of January 22, 1951, approval is granted to pay Lautner at a decreased rate of \$20 per interview, effective February 1, 1951, for a six months period. These interviews should be limited to two a week and if they exceed that number you should advise the Bureau.

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New York, New York
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MEMO

Re: JESUS COLON
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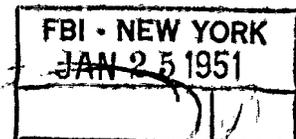
On January 16, 1951, ND 588 advised that to his knowledge the subject is a member of the Committee for Puerto Rican and Spanish island problems of the Communist Party.

He had no further knowledge of the subject, however.

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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [redacted], was.
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During interview with ND 588 on January 16, 1951 he advised that the subject is known to him to have been an old-time [redacted] for the Communist Party, being particularly active in the Bronx area, but he could furnish no further information concerning her.

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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [redacted], was.
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In interview with ND 588 on January 16, 1951, the informant furnished the following information regarding the subject:

In late 1941 or early 1942, [redacted] of the National Groups Commission of the Communist Party, directed the subject, BOLESLAW GEBERT, JOHN LAUTNER and [redacted] to assume functional positions in various nationality sections of the IWO in order to bolster that organization which was then regarded as having been weakened because of inadequate leadership on the part of MAX FEDACHT.

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[redacted], according to the informant, has since been expelled from the Party as a Browderite.

Prior to this IWO assignment, the subject was known to the informant to have been in charge of national group work for the New York State Communist Party. The informant stated that he last saw [redacted] at the Communist Party Headquarters in September, 1949 but did not know for what purpose [redacted] was present.

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cc: 100-2936 (IWO)
100-27548 (BOLESLAW GEBERT)
~~100-16516 (JOHN LAUTNER)~~ 66-3701
100-18129 [redacted]
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DWF: JJS
100-7996

New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [redacted]
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In interview on January 16, 1951, ND 588 advised that to his knowledge the subject has been active in the Communist Party since about 1926. The informant, himself, was in attendance at a Communist Party training school in New York City in 1930.

It was brought out at that school that the Party at that time was having trouble with [redacted] who then was a resident of Akron, Ohio, because of his wanting to start his own newspaper in Akron against the wishes of the Party.

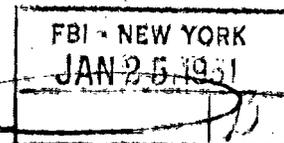
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Previous to living in New York City [redacted] had been a resident of Cleveland, Ohio, where he was employed on a Hungarian newspaper and functioned as [redacted] of the Hungarian Communist Party group in Cleveland. This was approximately in 1937 and 1938. About 1939 he came to New York City and became connected with the Hungarian newspaper "Magyer Jovo."

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cc: 66-3901 ✓



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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [redacted]
SECURITY MATTER -C

On January 16, 1951, ND 508 advised that the subject is the [redacted] Arrow Farms at Monroe, New York, which farm is operated by the Russian sections of the IWO for their members.

According to the informant, the subject is a "buddy from war service" who is active in local politics around Monroe, and it was through this individual that Arrow Farms was able to obtain a liquor license. This license is essential to the profitable operation of the farm, and the management of the farm is extremely careful to avoid any incidents which might become a basis for revocation of this license.

A recent memo submitted by SA [redacted] related that the local officers in Monroe had been called to Arrow Farms by the management to expell individuals who were seeking signatures to the Stockholm Peace Petition there.

The informant characterized this action on the part of the farm management as "window dressing", and states that this action was taken only to prevent any complaints being made with respect to activities on the farm which would result in difficulty with respect to its liquor license.

The informant had no knowledge regarding [redacted] personally.

[redacted], SA

cc: 100-95513 (ARROW FARMS)
SA [redacted] (for info)
66-3901 ✓

DWF:FJS
100-80156

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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: ALEX REVESZ, wa., Alex Rosenberg
SECURITY MATTER -C

In interview with ND 588 on January 16, 1951, the writer was advised by the informant that the subject operates a tailoring and dry cleaning business near 70th or 80th Street on Lexington or Madison Avenue.

The informant stated that to his knowledge, this person is a member of the Yorkville Branch of the Communist Party, and that he has met him at meetings of this branch during 1948 and 1949 at a time when a series of lectures was being given to that branch by JOHN LAUGNER, of the New York State Communist Party, in behalf of the Communist Party National Groups Commission.

Informant described the subject as being over 60 years old, 5'4" in height, blue eyes, wears glasses, has a "falling lower lip", and thin sharp nose, weighting about 145 pounds.

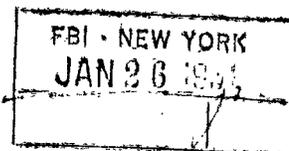
It is recommended that a case be opened on the subject.

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cc: 66-3901 ✓

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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [redacted]
SECURITY MATTER -C

In interview with ND 588 on January 16, 1951, the writer was advised by the informant that the subject has been [redacted] of the Hungarian Brotherhood of the IWO for an extensive period of time.

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Informant advised that [redacted] is employed with [redacted] who operates a [redacted] in the Bronx. He could supply no definite address.

[redacted] is known to the informant to be a member of the Communist Party in the Bronx since at least 1945 and to be a member of the Hungarian Bureau of the Communist Party. According to the informant, [redacted] and [redacted] were [redacted] in 1949 because of her objection to his activities within the Communist Party.

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[redacted] SA

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cc: 66-3901 ✓

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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [redacted] was.
SECURITY MATTER -C

In interview with ND 588 on January 16, 1951, the informant stated that [redacted] is not regarded as valuable to the Party as an activist any longer. He based his conclusion on the fact that [redacted] had been sent to Italy by the Party in 1947 purportedly to aid the Italian Communists in the then current national Italian elections.

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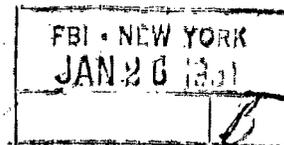
According to the informant, the real purpose behind this trip was to ease [redacted] out of the picture in the International Workers Order.

Informant stated he knows of no particular activity on the subject's part since his return from that trip to Italy.

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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [redacted]
SECURITY MATTER -C

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In interview with ND 588 on January 16, 1951, the writer was advised that in 1942 the informant knew [redacted] as [redacted] for the IWO in the New Jersey district, and a member of the Communist Party at that time.

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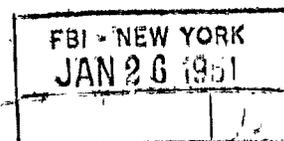
The informant advised that about that time, [redacted] converted some [redacted] by the IWO and expelled from the Communist Party. He eventually [redacted] and has been reinstated in the Party and is currently a member in good standing, active in the distributive trades branch of the Party.

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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [redacted]
SECURITY MATTER -C

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On January 16, 1951, ND 588 advised that the subject is known to him to be an employee of the United Electrical Workers Union.

According to the informant, she was in Moscow in 1945, and it was common gossip around Party Headquarters at that time that she was [redacted], during the time she was in Moscow.

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The informant stated he had no personal knowledge or knew of no faction which would substantiate this information.

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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: CHARLEY DIRBA, wa., K. Lapin
SECURITY MATTER -C

During interview on January 16, 1951, ND 588 advised that about one year ago he met [redacted], Russian Section, IWO, on the street and [redacted] asked the question, "What about CHARLEY DIRBA." The informant took this question to mean with respect to DIRBA'S reliability or an indirect inquiry as to whether or not DIRBA was a Communist Party member. He stated he okayed DIRBA to [redacted] as a Party member.

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The informant stated that he has no direct knowledge if [redacted] is a Communist Party member, but assumes that he must be because he holds a functionary position in the IWO.

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[redacted] advised the informant at this time that DIRBA was then living in Flushing, New York.

To the informant's knowledge, DIRBA was secretary of the Communist Party Control Commission and was very active for about twenty years until around 1945 when he simply dropped out of sight, and the informant has not heard any mention of him in Party circles since that time. Because of this, the informant believes the possibility exists that DIRBA might be doing confidential work for the Party, and in that connection had possibly come to [redacted] attention.

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Informant was unable to amplify his comments in this respect.

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100-55535 [redacted]

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100-26776

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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [redacted]
SECURITY MATTER -C

In interview with ND 588 on January 16, 1951 the writer was advised that to the informant's knowledge, [redacted] came to New York City about 1940 to attend a national Communist Party training school. The informant and another student were referred to a rooming house on either [redacted] Street which was being managed by the subject at that time.

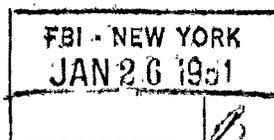
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Informant considered that [redacted] must have been connected with the Communist Party at that time or otherwise Party members would not have been referred to his establishment.

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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: EUGENE GORDON
SECURITY MATTER -C

The following information was furnished by ND 588 on
January 16, 1951:

About two years ago, the informant was present at a local
Communist Party club fund raising party held in the subject's residence
on Twelfth Street, exact address not known. [redacted]
and [redacted] were identified by the informant as being present at
this party as members of the club in whose benefit it was being given.

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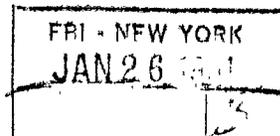
GORDON, according to the informant, runs a subway newsstand
on the West Side of the Eighth Avenue subway station at 163rd Street,
having attained this concession through an individual unknown to the
informant, which individual has sufficient influence so that he has
obtained several such concessions for Communist Party members.

[redacted] SA

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100-267 ([redacted])
100-65011 [redacted]

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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [REDACTED]
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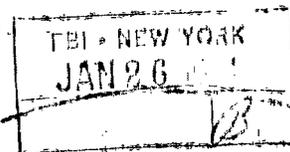
On January 16, 1951, ND 588 advised the writer that he has knowledge of the fact that the subject was the [REDACTED] for Camp Unity during the year 1948.

[REDACTED], SA

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100-64375



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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER -C

On January 16, 1951, ND 588 advised the writer that [REDACTED] is known to him to have been a [REDACTED] from the IWO to Communist Party conventions held in the early 1940's.

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Otherwise, the informant has no information regarding him other than that he has been a long-time [REDACTED] of the IWO.

[REDACTED] SA

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100-54292

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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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During contact on January 16, 1951, ND 588 advised the writer that the subject is known to him to have been a member of the Communist Party National Control Commission in 1940, and the informant knows that he was a member of that Commission for several years.

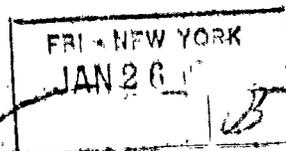
Informant could furnish no further information regarding the subject.

[REDACTED], SA

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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [redacted]
SECURITY MATTER -C

On January 16, 1951, ND588 advised the writer that the subject is known to him to be a paid functionary of the IWO, and in his opinion must therefore be a member of the Communist Party.

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He knows that [redacted] is an amateur photographer, but otherwise possesses no information concerning him.

[redacted] SA

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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [redacted]
SECURITY MATTER -C

In an interview with ND 588 on January 16, 1951, the following information regarding the subject was developed:

[redacted] was reported by the informant to be [redacted] on a state level between the IWO and the Communist Party, and in that capacity he attends meetings of the National Groups Commission of the Communist Party and is in frequent contact with [redacted] New York State [redacted] of the Communist Party, for the purpose of receiving Communist Party decisions with respect to IWO activities.

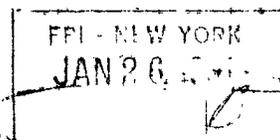
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DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, NEW YORK

January 23, 1951

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA,
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
FACTIONALISM
(Bureau file 100-3-88)

100-15117 Bureau

Confidential Informant ND-588 was interviewed by Agents of the New York Office on January 5, 1951, concerning the significance of the telegram containing greetings sent by the Communist Party of the Soviet Union to the Communist Party, USA, on the occasion of its 15th Annual Convention December 28, 1950.

ND-588 stated that he construed this to be a blanket approval of the leadership, line, and activities of the CP, USA. In connection with the factionalist struggle, Informant pointed out that such clubs as the Paul Robeson Club (expelled); the Francis Franklin faction; the Lynn Dowling group, formerly known as the New Committee for Publications, as well as the factionalist group headed by SAMUEL ADAMS DARCY of Philadelphia, had operated on the basis that the present leadership of the CPUSA was not fully acceptable to the CPSU, and the Cominform; in the instance of the Paul Robeson Club in pursuing this belief, had issued publications addressed to the Cominform setting forth what it regarded as delinquencies on the part of the leadership, CPUSA.

ND-588 stated that it was his opinion that the telegram of greetings from the Soviet Union to the CPUSA was a blanket approval of the leadership of the CPUSA, and as such would remove the chief point of contention from the factionalist groups mentioned above.

The above is submitted for the information of the Bureau.

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NEW YORK, NY

January 22, 1951

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Director, FBI.

RE: JOHN LAUTNER,
ND 588.

Dear Sir:

Rebutel October 11, 1950, authorizing this office to pay informant \$50.00 per week during current lengthy interviews.

ND 588 within the past month has been interviewed in the New York Office at the rate of about two full days a week. During these interviews the informant has furnished valuable information relative to the different phases of Communist Party activity. The information which the informant furnished the interviewing agents will be set forth in the appropriate case files.

It should be noted that the informant was recently interviewed by Special Assistants to the Attorney General William Paisley and Irving Shapiro relative to the informant's prospective testimony before the Subversive Activity Control Board in the case involving the Communist Party. It is anticipated that ND 588 will testify in the Government's behalf according to the comments made at the end of the interview by Paisley and Shapiro. ND 588 is also endeavoring to obtain a position but to date has met with negative results. In the future, it is expected that the informant will be interviewed at the rate of about one day a week or possibly less on Communist Party activity.

The Bureau is requested to authorize this office to compensate the informant at the rate of \$20.00 per interview which interview generally lasts at least seven to eight hours and is generally conducted in the New York Office. Bureau is requested to make this change of pay to \$20.00 per interview instead of \$50.00 a week, effective February 1, 1951, for a six months period.

Very truly yours,

WTH
EDWARD SCHEIDT,
SAC.

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New York, New York

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January 16, 1951

MEMO:

RE: JOHN LAUTNER
CNDI 588

During the period 1/7 thru 1/20/51 the above informant was contacted 6 times. The informant appeared at this office on two occasions at which time he furnished oral information on Communist Party activity to the interviewing agents.

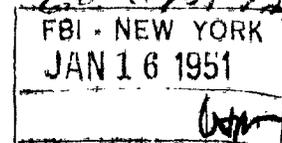
On 1/9/51 the informant was interviewed at length as a prospective Government witness in the case, Internal Security Act of 1950 by Special Assistants Attorney General PAIGLEY and SHAPIRO. Informant furnished these attorneys with details on his past Communist background.

Informant is to appear at the N.Y. Office on 1/17/51 for interviews by agents relative to a specific phase of C.P. activity.

The writer believes that this informant should be paid \$50.00 for this period of 1/7-20/51.

E. W. BUCKLEY
SA

EWB:LJR
66-3901



New York, N. Y.

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January 16, 1951

Director, FBI.

RE: INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION,
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.
(Bufile 61-7341)

Dear Sir:

ReNYlet 1/6/51 detailing the developments to that date with respect to cooperation of this office with the New York State Insurance Commission in connection with current court proceedings by that commission leading towards the liquidation of the IWO.

In connection with possible witnesses who might be called to the attention of the New York State Insurance Commission, it is desired to call the Bureau's attention to ND 588. Information furnished by ND 588 with respect to the IWO appears on pages 78 and 79 of the report prepared in this case here on December 18, 1950 by Special Agent [redacted]. In that report ND 588 is referred to as T-21. Essentially ND 588 can testify that in the early forties while employed by the Communist Party he and two other minor Communist Party functionaries were designated to go into the IWO as functionaries in individual nationality societies in order to strengthen the IWO. Their transfer was directed by the Nationality Groups Commission and ND 588 can testify that control of the IWO is vested in that group and that SAM MILGROM, Executive Secretary of the IWO, was selected by the Nationality Groups Commission for his position and by reason of that position holds membership in the Nationality Groups Commission. ND 588 can also state that in order to be a paid functionary of the IWO it is almost without exception necessary for a person to be a Communist Party member.

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ND 588 undoubtedly would be an extremely valuable witness to the New York State Insurance Commission but this office does not feel that his identity should be disclosed or that he should be allowed to testify publicly at this time because of the fact that he is the key witness in numerous

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NY 100-2936

Internal Security Act of 1950 cases which are presently being prepared by this office and in which prosecution is expected to materialize.

The Bureau's opinion with regard to making ND-588's identity available to the New York State Insurance Commission is requested.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT,
SAC.

Director, FBI

January 12, 1951

SAC, New York

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS
IS-C

Rebulet 12/19/50.

On 1/5/51, MD 558 was interviewed and he advised that the CP in Washington, D.C. or elsewhere either on the national, state, district, county or section levels has arranged to have substitute leadership to the underground which is known as a reserve leadership in the event the present leadership is knocked out of action as a result of government arrest. The informant stated that since the CP trial, which resulted in the conviction of the National Board of the CP, there has been a reserve leadership on a national level. The informant stated that the party had the leadership on the state, district, county and section level prepare substitute leadership to take over control of the various levels of the CP in the event of arrest by government, state or local authorities.

In regard to the setting up of an intelligence unit by the CP in the event of all-out mobilization, the informant stated that there could be an organized effort by the part to coordinate all intelligence information in a district or county area. The informant stated that he had no factual information as to whether any such plan to establish an intelligence unit was planned by the CP. The informant stated that in the event of an all-out effort, each and every comrade would be expected to give his or her best to the support or further the effort to the CP, whether the persons be white collar or industrial workers.

The informant stated that the CP has taught that every comrade will be expected to contribute to the support of the international working class movement and that in the event of a war, the Communists, even though they may not be told by their leadership to do so, will be expected based on his past schooling and experience in the movement, to keep his eyes and ears open and gather as much information as possible which may be turned over to a coordinator in a particular area for the information of the CP.

The informant stated that the party will work through the Labor Youth League in influencing the youth of the nation to support the CP program calling for peace, for outlawing the atom bomb, and defeat of any immoral military training law. The informant stated that the IYL will try

cc: Detroit
Washington Field
NY 66-3901 ✓

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to recruit college students and others into the LYL and in the event any of these young people receive positions of importance in the government or defense, their position will be known to the LYL who will make this information known to the CP. The informant states that the possibility exists that young people receiving positions of importance may or may not be approached by some courier of the CP to furnish this courier or coordinator with any information of value which may come to his or her attention as a result of holding an important position.

ND 559 will be contacted for an opinion on reference Bureau letter in the near future and the Bureau will be advised of the results of this interview.

New York 7, New York

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January 12, 1951

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO THE FBI
(Bureau file 100-97391)

Dear Sir:

ReBulet 11/30/50 enclosing two photographs, one of [redacted] and the other of [redacted], former employees of the Bureau. These photographs were to be exhibited to ND 588 for identification purposes.

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On 1/5/51, ND 588 was shown the photograph of the two above-mentioned persons. The informant failed to identify either one of the photographs as the person referred to in ourlet to the Bureau dated 9/28/50. The informant stated that neither picture even resembled the person he has reported on. The informant stated that the fellow who was reported on worked for the FBI, he believes in the Fingerprint Division, in 1935 or 1936. It was at this time the informant met this young fellow, who was then about twenty-six years of age, when he visited the Communist Party Section Headquarters located in the vicinity of 81st Street and Columbus Avenue, New York City, on two weekends.

The informant stated he believes that this fellow was single and was a Communist Party member. This young man requested CP literature from the informant so he could read this literature while in Washington, D.C. The informant stated that he recalls on one of the two weekends that he visited the Section Office, this young fellow gave a rather interesting talk on fingerprints to the informant. The informant got the impression that this fellow knew fingerprints fairly well, and was of the opinion that he was assigned or had worked in the Fingerprint Division of the Bureau. The informant again described this individual as follows:

Color:
Age:

White
About 26 years of age (in 1935)

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Height:	5'8"
Weight:	155 pounds
Complexion:	Fair
Peculiarities:	Big forehead which dominated the whole face; forehead bulged out noticeably over his eye sockets, making his eyes deep set. Round face, but due to large forehead, face appeared to be small.
Nationality:	May be Jewish.
Marital Status:	Believed to be single.

The informant believes that this young fellow had legal training and has a recollection that this fellow made the remark that he either attended or graduated from either Columbia University or the City College of New York in New York.

The above is furnished for the Bureau's information.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT,
Special Agent in Charge

Director, FBI

January 12, 1951

SAC, New York

LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT, 1947

Rebulet 12/26/50, requesting that ND 558 be interviewed as to the identity or name of the members of the CP who sent letters of resignation to the NY State CP because of their trade union position. The Bureau desired to know for transmittal to the Department whether this informant was available to testify.

On 1/5/51, ND 558 was interviewed and he advised that he was told by comrade [redacted] member of the NY State Committee CP and last reported as [redacted] of the NY State CP, which conversation took place around the Spring of 1949, that the CP expects to receive some resignations from the CP by party members who are labor leaders. [redacted] advised the informant that these leaders would probably send into the CP registered letters, which letters were to be kept on file, and that [redacted] New York State functionary, would keep the files on these "so-called resignations".

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[redacted] told the informant that some trade union officials who have been members of the party and who resigned from the party as a result of sending in a registered letter would keep the receipt of the registered letter. These letters of resignation would be kept on the 9th Floor if they were from a National union representative and if they were from a State union leader who was a member of the party they would be filed on the 5th Floor of the State CP office. The informant stated that [redacted] indicated to him that the people who may resign from the party were CP members at large.

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The informant stated that in his opinion the statement of resignation would tend to show legal admissable evidence of resignation from the CP which would make their oath taken under the Taft Hartley Act denying membership in the Communist Party legitimate. The informant stated that he got this impression as to the reasons for the resignation from conversations had with [redacted]. Both stated to the informant that naturally if the union leaders who are members of the party resign from the Communist Party and have the receipt showing the registered letter sent to the Communist Party, which letter would be on file at CP Headquarters, then they could deny membership in the CP at the time they take the Taft-Hartley oath.

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The informant stated that in the middle of 1949, he saw several letters of resignation, but can only recall the identity of one individual by the name of ISIDORE COHEN, who was the Business Agent for the Jewelers Local, New York City, AFL.

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(ISIDORE COHEN, Business Agent,
Jewelers Local, NY, AFL)

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The informant stated that even though he saw letters of resignation, he was not informed as to the identity of the writers of these letters of resignation and he stated that at the time he was unable to make any inquiries as to such identities. The informant stated that in so far as the CP was concerned, the registered letter on file at CP Headquarters was the important thing and the receipt of the registered letter held by the trade union official was the important thing to the particular union person. The informant stated that the contents of what appeared on these letters of resignation were unimportant in the eyes of the party and that they could either be blank sheets of paper just bearing the signature of the trade union official, or they could be letters of resignation, the exact words of which were unknown to the informant.

The informant stated that he is available to testify for the Bureau in any case which the government sees fit to prosecute. The informant stated that perhaps if names of suspected resignees from the CP by some trade union officials were reviewed with him such names may refresh his memory of the identity of the persons who resigned.

The informant stated that such resignations from the CP by trade union leaders had to be conducted as a result of a mutual understanding between the trade union leaders and CP leadership. The informant stated that actually the sympathies of any resigned labor leader from the CP would continue to be pro-Communist and follow the CP line even though they would deny under oath being party members. The informant stated that the letters of resignation by labor leaders from the CP was a change of party policy from that of non-compliance with the Taft-Hartley Law to that of compliance to the law by the authorization of the above procedure.

The informant stated that this policy of compliance by resigning from the CP applied to those trade union leaders who at one time or another were publicly identified as members of the CP. The informant stated that this procedure also applied to those trade unions whose CP membership could be proved in case of legal action and this compliance with the law (by resigning from the CP by registered letter) was to cover or protect the labor leaders when signing their applications denying membership in the CP.

The above is furnished for the Bureau's info.

Director, FBI

January 11, 1951

SAC, New York

MANVILLE ROGERS, wa.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bureau file 100-354431)

Re report of SA THORNTON M. WOOD, 2/15/50, at New York.

On November 11, 1950, Confidential Informant ND 588 was interviewed by agents of the New York Office and furnished information concerning the above captioned individual as follows:

ND 588 advised that he was formerly organizer for the Chelsea Section, Communist Party, at which time ROGERS was treasurer or financial secretary. Informant stated that ROGERS was an old time comrade who had served in possibly other official capacities than that of treasurer or financial secretary of the Chelsea Section. He advised further that subject concealed the fact that he was a Communist Party member successfully from his family inasmuch as he was a salesman of sundry articles and notions and when the time came for him to attend a Party session he would tell his family that he was going to remain overnight in an area outside of New York City because of his occupation. Informant advised that subject died in the latter part of 1947 because of an unknown reason, and that he thought subject originally was from Brooklyn.

The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau.

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

TW:EEK
100-75892

Director, FBI

January 11, 1951

SAC, New York

"IN FACT"
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On October 11, 1950, Confidential Informant ND 588 was interviewed by agents of the New York Office and during the course of this interview furnished certain information concerning the above publication:

He stated that the publication, "IN FACT" which is edited by GEORGE SELDES, is owned by Mrs. WILLIAM BROWDER, sister-in-law of EARL BROWDER, former National Chairman, CP, USA. He stated that in the Fall of 1949, a whispering campaign was started by the Communist Party to the effect that Mrs. BROWDER was behind this publication and consequently all of the Communist Party members and sympathizers who were subscribers to "IN FACT" withdrew their subscriptions.

It is noted that the publication "COUNTERATTACK" issue of October 6, 1950, stated that this publication went out of business with its issue of October 2, 1950, due to the fact that 103,000 subscriptions had been cancelled. The informant stated that he felt the withdrawal of the support by the Communist Party had caused this publication to go out of business. It is also noted that the informant stated that SELDES had been suspected within the Communist Party, USA, of having been a Browderite.

The above is furnished for information.

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

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66-3901-122

Director, FBI

January 11, 1951

SAC, New York

NEW YORK TENANT, WELFARE &
CONSUMER COUNCIL, aka.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bureau file 100-34442)

Confidential Informant ND 588 was interviewed by agents of the New York Office on November 11, 1950, and January 5, 1951, concerning the above captioned organization. The informant advised that the New York Tenant, Welfare and Consumer Council, formerly known to the informant as the New York Tenant Council, was a front organization for the Communist Party in New York City. The informant advised that he recalled correctly during the Spring of 1949 that at a New York State Communist Party organization committee meeting, reports were given concerning the activities of this organization, at which time it was mentioned that the bulk of the work was being carried on in the Borough of Bronx, New York.

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From a description furnished by the informant of the persons giving the reports it was estimated that they were [redacted] of the Bronx Council on Rent and Housing, aka., New York Tenant, Welfare and Consumer Council. It was further stated by the informant that one [redacted] then Bronx County [redacted] Bronx County Communist Party, also made a report concerning the work of the tenant's organization in the Bronx and made a recommendation concerning purported allocations of the Communist Party's strength within that county in order to aid tenants' work.

ND 588 stated that the report given by [redacted] mentioned the fact that there was approximately 60,000 persons organized by the Tenant Council in New York City at that time and that the meeting was devoted to determining whether it was feasible to expand tenant work at that time. ND 588 also advised that at various times problems confronting the then New York Tenants Council were directed by the New York State Communist Party Organizational Commission and solutions relating to those problems were furnished the organization. The informant further stated that the City-Wide Committee To End Discrimination which occupied the same quarters as the New York Tenant, Welfare and Consumer Council, at 415 Astor Place, New York City, was an instrumentality of the Communist Party in that it was organized by the Communist Party to deal with a temporary specific problem, i.e., the fact that no Negroes were accepted as residents of the Stuyvesant Town Housing Project in New York City. The informant advised that both organizations were [redacted] whom informant stated was without a doubt a member of the Communist Party even though he had never seen [redacted] at Communist Party meetings.

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cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)
100-94086

TMM:EEK
100-84249

56-301-1021

Director, FBI

January 11, 1951

SAC, New York

BELLA V. DODD
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Confidential Informant ND 588 was interviewed by agents of the New York Office on October 11, 1950, and during the course of the interview furnished the following information concerning the subject:

He advised that DODD formerly a functionary of the Communist Party in New York City was expelled from the Communist Party because she had acted as an attorney for a landlord in the upper West Side area of New York City in dealing with the eviction of a number of Puerto Rican tenants from the L.L. Apartments. ND 588 advised that the background of this move was that the apartment owner had purchased several buildings and was operating them on a "shoe string" and that DODD was a neighbor of the landlord as well as being a personal friend. He further stated that DODD, who is an attorney in her own right, had handled the eviction proceedings as a personal friend of the landlord but that due to counter-charges brought by the tenants' attorney, whose name the informant could not recall, DODD was eventually expelled from the Communist Party.

In describing DODD, ND 588 stated that she had entered the Communist Party in the early 1930's under the leadership of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, and that although she had asserted considerable influence with the rank and file of the Party she had never been too popular with the leadership. Informant went on to state that DODD had remained an influential person within the Communist Party for many years because of her influence with the Teachers' Union of New York City and because of her influence with the rank and file.

He described DODD as being a very warm person, highly intelligent and one who possesses a very attractive personality. He also stated that since the expulsion from the Communist Party, USA, she has practised law from an office in the vicinity of West 42nd Street and Avenue of the Americas. In spite of a handicap that DODD has a wooden leg, informant states that he considers her to be a successful attorney.

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

TMM:EEK
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66-3901-129



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York 7, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

MEMO:

RE: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT FILES

N.D. 588

Re SAC Letter No. 84, Series 1950, dated
11-21-50.

This case is to be reopened and carried as
a pending active case rather than a dead file.

CHIEF CLERK:

REOPEN CASE

ASSIGN:

1-10-51 gwy
Wm #7
B. L. Kreighbaum
E. W. Bushley

FBI - NEW YORK
JAN 10 1951

66-3901-119

New York 7, New York

January 6, 1951

MEMORANDUM:

RE: JOHN LAUTNER
CNID 588

The above informant was contacted two times during the week of 1/1-6-51. The Informant appeared at this office on 1/5/51 and furnished valuable information concerning CP USA - FUNDS: Tenants League and gave his opinion (based on CP experience) on the cablegram sent by CP SU to the 15th National Convention of the CP USA. The Bureau was advised of this by teletype on January 5, 1951. The informant also recognized photographs of various Communists for the Agents.

Informant has expressed his desire to testify for the Government in cases violating the Internal Security Act of 1950 and will be available for interview by Asst. U.S. Attorney Generals this next week.

In view of this the writer believes the sum of \$50.00 is justified for week of 1/1-6/50.

EWB:DEF
66- 3901

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SPECIAL AGENT

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NEW YORK, NY
JAN. 5, 1951.

BUREAU (URGENT)

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA; ISC. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT NO FIVE EIGHT EIGHT
INTERVIEWED NYO TODAY AND DISCUSSED THE RECENT ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN
THE DAILY WORKER FOR DEC. TWENTYNINE, FIFTY, PAGE TWO, SETTING FORTH THE
CABLEGRAM RECEIVED BY THE CP, USA AT THEIR FIFTEENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
FROM THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CPSU. INFORMANT STATED THAT THIS IS
THE FIRST TIME THAT THE CPUSA HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE CPSU IN RECEIVING
A FORMAL GREETING AT THEIR NATIONAL CONVENTION. INFORMANT STATED THAT IN
HIS OPINION THIS CABLEGRAM OF GREETINGS PRIOR TO ITS READING TO THE
DELEGATES AT THE CONVENTION WAS DEBATED NO DOUBT BY THE PARTY LEADERSHIP
AS TO WHETHER SUCH A TELEGRAM SHOULD BE MADE PUBLIC OR BE KEPT SECRET BUT
PROBABLY THE LEADERSHIP DECIDED THAT THE BEST ADVANTAGE COULD BE SERVED TO THE
PARTY LINE BY MAKING THE TELEGRAM PUBLIC TO SERVE AS A "PEP CALL" TO THE
RANK AND FILE LEADERSHIP IN THE ALL OUT STRUGGLE. THE INFORMANT ADVISED
THAT SINCE THE CPSU HAS GIVEN THE STAMP OF APPROVAL TO THE PRESENT
LEADERSHIP OF THE CPUSA HE BELIEVED THAT IN RETURN THE CPUSA EXPECTS THE
FULL SUPPORT OF THE CPSU IN THESE TRYING TIMES AND LIKEWISE THROUGH THIS
TELEGRAM INFORMANT BELIEVES THE CPSU EXPECTS THE FULLEST SUPPORT AND COOPERA-
TION FROM THE CPUSA IN FOLLOWING OUT AND SUPPORTING THE POLICIES OF THE
SOVIET UNION. INFORMANT STATES THAT NO DOUBT THE PARTY IN THIS COUNTRY
WILL TRY TO DEFEAT THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THIS COUNTRY BY CALLING FOR
AN IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF THE TROOPS IN ASIA AND DEMANDING A PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT WITH RED CHINA. INFORMANT STATED THAT HE BELIEVES THE CPUSA

CC: 66-3901
100- (CPSU)

EWB:DJG
100-4931

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REGARDS THIS TELEGRAM AS ALSO A CALL TO BE ON GUARD IN AN EFFORT TO SUPPORT THE INTERNATIONAL STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD FOR THE TOTAL VICTORY OF SOCIALISM. INFORMANT STATED THAT THIS CABLEGRAM OF GREETINGS IS VERY SIGNIFICANT AND CAN HAVE A GREAT EFFECT UPON THE FUTURE OF THE CPUSA SINCE THE RANK AND FILE MEMBERSHIP MAY BECOME MORE INSPIRED TO ENGAGE IN ALL OUT PARTY ACTIVITY SINCE IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED THRU THIS CABLEGRAM THAT THE CPSU IS IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE CPS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. FOR BUREAU INFO.

SCHEIDT

New York, New York
December 26, 1950

MEMO

RE: CNDI 588

During the period between December 11 through December 27, 1950 this informant was contacted six times for information on Communist Party activities.

The informant furnished detailed information on such topics as CP, USA - Political Activities; CPUSA Security and Underground Measures as well as leading persons in CP. For example informant recognized photo of [redacted] as a Communist Party leader known in Party as [redacted]

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In view of assistance rendered by informant the writer believes he should be paid \$50.00 to cover this period, since the time of interviews were limited and not regular like they had been before.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY, SA

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66-3901-116
FBI - NEW YORK
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New York, New York
December 8, 1950

MEMO:

RE: JOHN LAUTNER
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ND 588

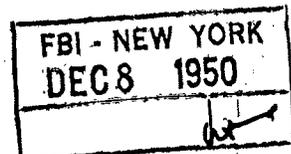
Rebutel 10/11/50 authorizing the payment of \$50.00 per week to
CI ND 588.

During the period 12/1/50 to 12/8/50 the informant was interviewed
for extended periods of time and submitted detailed information concerning
the Communist Party - USA, its fronts and its members.

In view of the above, it is believed that the payment of \$50.
should be made to CI ND 588 as authorized in referenced teletype.

BRUCE L. KREIGHBAUM, SA

BLK:LEW
66-3901



MR. SCHMIDT	
MR. WILLIAMS	
MR. STONE	
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MR. WINTERROWD	
TELE. ROOM	
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TRAINING UNIT	

New York, N. Y.
12/2/50

MEMO

Re: CP USA
ISC

**11-1031
T.M.Y.*

Inspector A. H. Belmont, Bureau, called at 3:15 P.M., and referred to report of SA Russel Garner, NY, 10/21/50. He said on page 521 of this report ND-588 is referred to as CI T-1 and stated his identity would be disclosed in the event his testimony is deemed necessary.

Mr. Belmont advised the Department has requested his identity and, prior to furnishing this information, the Bureau desired to be advised that he is a willing witness and is available. He said we should determine when he will be available to go to Washington to be interviewed by the Department and what arrangements will be necessary for him to go down there. He asked that he be called back on this on Monday, 12/4/50.

ROBERT R. GRANVILLE, SA

RRG:MFB

At 9:30 AM, on December 4, 1950, I telephonically advised Inspector A. H. Belmont of the Bureau that ND 588 has stated that he is available to testify and secondly he is available to go down to Washington to discuss the matter with the Department at any time except on Thursday, December 7, 1950, when he has to collect his unemployment insurance check. I further advised Mr. Belmont that he does not have any money and his trip would have to be financed. Mr. Belmont stated that he would advise the Department that he is a willing witness and is willing to proceed to Washington. He stated he would advise us as to when the Department would want him in Washington.

WARREN T. MARCHESSAULT,
Supervisor - Sec. #7.

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FBI - NEW YORK
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B. L. Kreighbaum

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bureau file 100-336532)

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On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

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The Informant advised that he had often heard the name of [REDACTED] mentioned as a Kings County Communist Party official but does not know the exact position occupied by this person.

CC: NY 66-3901

JEK:ARV
100-66799

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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New York, N. Y.
November 22, 1950.

MEMO

RE: JOHN LAUTNER,
CNDI 588

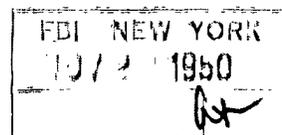
Rebutel 10/11/50 authorizing the payment of \$50 a week to
ND 588.

During the period 11/2/50 to 11/21/50 the informant submitted
considerable detailed information concerning the Communist Party, USA,
its fronts and its members.

In view of the above, it is believed that the payment of \$50
should be made to ND 588 as authorized in referenced teletype.

BRUCE L. KREIGHBAUM,
SA.

BLK:DJG
66-3901



Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-111597)

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On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

The Informant advised that he was personally acquainted with the subject and last knew him to be a leader in the waterfront group of the Kings County Communist Party.

CC: NY 66-3901 -

JEK:ARV
100-25584

66-3901-111

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

HY WALLACH
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [redacted], regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

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The Informant advised that approximately three years ago he first became acquainted with HY WALLACH in connection with the latter's anti-Party activities. At that time, according to ND-588, WALLACH was a rising Communist in Brooklyn, but had peculiar ideas that the Party should concentrate on quality members. On the other hand, the Party leadership felt that the Party should concentrate on quantity and from that quantity achieve the quality desired. As a result of these Anti-Party statements the Informant believed that WALLACH would be squashed in any future Party leadership in Brooklyn.

CC: NY 66-3901

JEK:ARV
100-79937

66-3-101-114

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

JACOB "POP" MINDEL
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-52439)

On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [redacted], regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

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The Informant advised that he was acquainted with the subject as a long time Communist although the latter occupied no official position in the Kings County Communist Party at the present time.

The Informant added that MINDEL sponsored [redacted] in the latter's rapid rise in the Kings County Communist Party organization.

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CC: NY 66-3901

JEK:ARV
100-18056

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Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bufile 100-33092)

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On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

The Informant stated that as of January, 1950 he knew [REDACTED] to occupy the position of [REDACTED] of the Kings County Communist Party, namely by virtue of the fact that the Brooklyn organization required a negro among its top officials.

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The Informant explained that several years ago the Kings County Communist Party was criticized for its lack of negro leadership and it was [REDACTED] who was picked to occupy the position of [REDACTED] to furnish negro representation on the Kings County Communist Party Committee.

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

JEK:ARV
100-52959

66-3901-708

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-340854)

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On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

The Informant furnished a letter in the handwriting of [REDACTED], requesting a re-consideration of his expulsion by the National Review Commission, Communist Party, USA.

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The Informant explained that [REDACTED] was expelled for white chauvinism in 1948.

CC: NY 66-3901

JEK:ARV
100-67883

66-3901-103

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-294235)

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On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

The Informant advised that in mid-1948 disciplinary action was taken against [REDACTED] of the Brooklyn Communist Party as a result of accusations which the latter made against JACOB "POP" MINDEL at the Kings County Communist Party Convention in July, 1948.

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In the proceedings that followed [REDACTED] was found guilty and was denied the right to teach in Communist Party schools for the period of one year.

CC: NY 66-3901

JEK:ARV
100-54089

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Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bureau file 100-11239)

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On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

The Informant stated that he knew [REDACTED] CHARLES KRUMBEIN, the former Communist Party National Treasurer. The Informant believed [REDACTED] to be a person of Lithuanian origin who originally came from Chicago, Illinois.

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According to ND-588, [REDACTED] is a key person in the Kings County Communist Party as well as a member of the National Review Commission, enjoying the confidence of the top leaders of the Party.

ND-588 volunteered that [REDACTED] might well be acting as a confidential mail drop for the National Party leaders because of the fact that she was highly trusted by the top Party membership.

cc: NY 66-3901

JEK:ARV
100-7971

66-3901-105

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-96046)

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On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

According to the Informant, [REDACTED] is a veteran of World War II, and in connection with his Communist activities represented a veteran's organization in a committee hearing in Washington, D. C. a few years ago.

The Informant was aware that the subject had [REDACTED] who [REDACTED] in a Wall Street office.

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As of January, 1950 the Informant knew [REDACTED] as the Kings County [REDACTED] of the Kings County Review Commission.

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

JEK:ARV
100-23290

66-3901-104

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-142323)

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On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

The Informant stated that he knew this individual only by name as the [REDACTED] for the Kings County Communist Party. The informant added that according to hearsay, [REDACTED] was an up-and-coming member of the Party who had a favorable future ahead.

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cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

JEK:ARV
100-63755

66-3901-103

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-237419)

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On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

The Informant advised that he was casually acquainted with the subject and last knew her as the Kings County Communist Party [REDACTED].

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The Informant added that she was originally from the Ohio area and considered a top woman comrade in the Brooklyn Communist organization.

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

JEK:ARV
100-54304

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Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

HY LEVY
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-109801)

On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant MD-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [redacted] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

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According to the Informant, a person whose name he believes to be HY LEVY and who occupies the position of Kings County Activities Director, in 1949 was removed from his position because of white chauvinism in connection with his refusal to allow his apartment in Stuyvesant Town to be occupied by negro Party members.

cc: NY 66-3901

JEK:ARV
100-13163

66-3901-101

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]

SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-169047)

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On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

The Informant advised that [REDACTED] was the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and was presently working at the [REDACTED] or in some clerical capacity on the 9th floor of 35 East 12th Street.

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According to ND-588 this individual is a Brooklyn girl who formerly occupied the position of [REDACTED] at the Kings County Communist Party Headquarters at 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York.

CC: NY 66-3901 ✓

JEK:ARV
100-40391

66-3901-100

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

DONALD LESTER
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-165944)

On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [redacted] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

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The Informant advised that he first made the acquaintance of LESTER in the winter of 1948 in connection with the investigation of anti-Party activities in the Crown Heights Section of Brooklyn. At that time, according to the Informant, LESTER was the Crown Heights Section Organizer. Later the Informant learned that LESTER was a Party teacher at both the Jefferson School of Social Science and also in county and section schools.

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

JEK:ARV
100-25880

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Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

CARL VEDRO
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bufile 100-122720)

On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [redacted] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

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This Informant advised that CARL VEDRO occupies the position of Chairman of the Kings County Communist Party.

The Informant originally met VEDRO while the latter was Organizational Secretary of the Williamsburg Section in 1933. At that time, according to the Informant, VEDRO was in the sound truck business. At the time that PETER V. CACCHIONE was first elected City Councilman from Brooklyn, VEDRO was his assistant and Campaign Manager.

It was approximately this same time, according to the Informant, that the Communist Party in New York City broke their organization into counties and CACCHIONE became the Chairman of the Kings County Communist Party.

Through the efforts of CACCHIONE, VEDRO was named as Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party in Brooklyn, and in November, 1947 when CACCHIONE died, VEDRO succeeded to the Chairmanship of the Kings County Communist Party.

According to the Informant, VEDRO attends State Board meetings and has been pulled out of the County Organization periodically to organize and run various movements such as the New York Bill of Rights Congress. In the past he has spent parts of the winter months in Florida.

The Informant considered VEDRO to be merely a title-head of the Party in Brooklyn and felt that he lacked the analytical mind to rise to any important state or national positions.

cc: NY 66-3901

JEK:ARV
100-13558

66-3901-81

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

FAY VEDRO
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-13939)

On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [redacted] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

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The Informant advised that FAY VEDRO was the wife of CARL VEDRO, the Chairman of the Kings County Communist Party. According to ND-588, FAY VEDRO was a quiet, capable Party official in Brooklyn.

The Informant stated that he first became acquainted with the subject when the latter held the position of Trade Union Director of the Queens County Communist Party.

It was the Informant's opinion that the subject continued in the same work in the Kings County Communist Party up to the time of the birth of her child when it was necessary for her to curtail her Communist Party activities.

The Informant recalled that FAY VEDRO recently made a trip to Palestine, the purpose of which was unknown to him.

cc: NY 66-3901

JEK:ARV
100-8340

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

DAVE AMARIGLIO, wa:
Dave Leeds
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-47092)

On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [redacted] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

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According to the Informant the subject is a Greek Jew born in Salanika, Greece.

The Informant knew LEEDS as the Finance Secretary in District #2, Communist Party, USA. In 1948 the Informant worked with the subject and with BEN (BROOKLYN) DAVIS in setting up security measures in the Brooklyn Communist Party. At that time, according to ND-588's recollection, the subject was occupying the position of Kings County Communist Party Press Director.

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

JEK:ARV
100-79967

66-3901-96

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

BEN (BROOKLYN) DAVIS
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-197601)

On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [redacted] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

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The Informant advised that he originally became acquainted with the subject in 1945 when the latter substituted for CARL VEDRO, Chairman of the Kings County Communist Party in attending New York State Board meetings. Later in 1948 the Informant worked with the subject in connection with the security structure of the Kings County Communist Party.

ND-588 pointed out that whereas JOHN NOTO, [redacted], and ISIDORE BEGUN, heads of the respective areas of Buffalo, Queens, and Bronx, represented their organizations in connection with the security set-up, BEN (BROOKLYN) DAVIS represented the Kings County Communist Party rather than CARL VEDRO, the County Chairman. For this reason the Informant believed that the subject was a powerful figure in the Brooklyn Communist Party.

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cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

JEK:ARV
100-79967

66-3901-98

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

JAMES W. FORD
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bufile 100-14632)

On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [redacted] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

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The Informant advised that he considered FORD to be a tradition in the Communist Party and pointed out FORD'S having run for Vice President of the United States on the Communist Party ticket on several occasions.

It was the Informants belief that FORD was given the position of Chairman of the Bedford Stuyvesant Section of the Kings County Communist Party merely as an easy job in which he would have sufficient time to devote to his writings.

The Informant felt that all major decisions in the Kings County Communist Party would require the consultation of JAMES FORD and believed that FORD at the present time might even attend national plenums in view of his former importance in the Party.

Since 1945, according to the Informant, FORD has been a member of the National Review Commission, Communist Party, USA.

cc: NY 66-3901

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NEW YORK, NY

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

November 18, 1950.

Director, FBI.

RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO THE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

Dear Sir:

Rebulet dated 11/14/50, instructing the New York Office to ascertain from Confidential Informant ND 588 if the unidentified individual described in New York letter to Bureau dated 9/28/50, page 20, was identical with either [redacted] or [redacted].

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On 11/17/50, ND 588 advised that he could only identify the above-mentioned individual by a photograph. The informant stated that he is not certain that he ever knew the name of the unidentified individual who was employed by the Bureau in 1935.

It is requested that the Bureau forward to the New York Office any available photographs of both [redacted] so that the photographs may be shown to ND 588 for possible identification.

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Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT,
SAC.

CC: 66-3901

BLK:DJG
100-80877

66-3901-937

Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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On October 3, 1950, ND 588, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] was the Lower West Side [REDACTED] of New York County Communist Party.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901 ✓

HPL:KJ
100-37342

66-3901-12

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TO : SAC, New York Personal Attention

FROM : *JJA* Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JOHN LAUTNER
ND-588

DATE: November 9, 1950

Reurlet October 31, 1950, setting forth the present status of Lautner as to employment. It is noted Lautner has stated even if he is able to secure regular employment, it is his desire to continue to be available to the Bureau for interviews and to assist the Bureau in any way possible.

According to referenced letter, Lautner has agreed to testify in a court of law to any information he has furnished and he has indicated a sincere desire to help the Bureau.

At the present time you are paying him \$50.00 per week for the information he is providing on Communist matters. In view of his long association in Communist affairs which is a deterrent in his efforts to secure employment, it will be difficult for the Bureau to aid Lautner in his efforts to obtain employment. If Lautner were in the position of , Herbert Philbrick, et al, the Bureau would suggest an all-out effort to obtain a job for Lautner. You should consider some manner of interim payment to Lautner during his present period of unemployment which may be able to ease his financial situation. The payments made to him in this regard would be for information of value and certainly would be appreciated by him. The amount of such payments should be based upon your knowledge of Lautner's position and value to the Bureau and your recommendation in this regard should be transmitted to the Bureau.

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66-3901-91

Director, FBI

November 8, 1950

SAC, New York

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY NEW YORK
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ND-588

Re my letter dated October 13, 1950, instant matter.

Page 3, under the sub-heading JOHN WILLIAMSON, line 11, the last sentence should be corrected to read as follows:

In this connection during this period, PETERS' wife was constantly with him which was an indication to the informant that WILLIAMSON was much concerned regarding PETERS' status.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "L. M. Jones" or similar, written in a cursive style.

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Director, FBI

November 7, 1950

SAC, New York

[redacted] was.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-337815)

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On October 17, 1950 Confidential Informant ND 588 was interviewed at the New York Office by SAs FRANK J. NOLAN and ELDRED W. COX. He furnished the following information concerning the above captioned individual:

Sometime during the period 1947, 1948 and 1949, [redacted] was a functionary at the Waterfront Section at Eighth Avenue and West 25th Street, New York City. He was probably the [redacted] but ND 588 was not certain of his specific title.

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cc: 66-3901 ✓

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100-65090

Director, FBI

November 7, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED] wa.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-69890)

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On October 17, 1950 Confidential Informant ND 588 was interviewed at the New York Office by SAs FRANK J. NOWLAN and ELDRED W. COX. He furnished the following information concerning the above captioned individual:

[REDACTED] in approximately 1947, 1948 and 1949 was subsidized by the New York County Communist Party. He worked in the Waterfront Section headquarters on West 25th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City, and concentrated on Puerto Rican matters.

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CC: 66-3901 ✓

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66-3901-8

New York, New York

November 4, 1950

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director, FBI

Re: [redacted] was.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bureau File 100-335123)

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Dear Sir:

On October 17, 1950 ND-588 was interviewed by SAS Frank J. Nowlan and Eldred W. Cox at the New York Office. ND-588 furnished the following information concerning the captioned individual.

The informant recalled that for a short period during the time 1947-48-49 [redacted] was a functionary of the Waterfront Section, probably [redacted].

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The foregoing is submitted for information.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT
SAC

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

EWC:LRW
100-66433

66-3901-86

New York, New York

November 4, 1950

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director, FBI

Re: [redacted] wa.
SECURITY MATTER-C
(Bureau File 100-193577)

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Dear Sir:

On October 17, 1950 ND-588 was interviewed by SAS Frank J. Nowlan and Eldred W. Cox at the New York Office. ND-588 furnished the following information concerning the captioned individual.

The informant recalled that sometime during 1947-48-49 [redacted] [redacted] was a Waterfront Section functionary at New York City. The informant believed that [redacted] was either [redacted] [redacted] of the section,

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Informant stated that he understood that sometime in 1949 [redacted] had gotten a job as [redacted] in New York City.

The foregoing is submitted for information.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT
SAC

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

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100-43341

66-3901-85

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SA R. OPTEDAL, #42, per
BU INSTRUCTIONS

Employee

RECHARGE

Date _____

To _____

From _____

Date charged

Employee

Location

New York, New York

November 3, 1950

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director, FBI

Re: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
AMERICAN RADIO ASSOCIATION-CIO
INTERNAL SECURITY -C
(Bureau file 100-54472)

Dear Sir:

On October 17, 1950 ND-588 was interviewed by SAs Frank J. Nowlan and Eldred W. Cox at the New York Office. ND-588 furnished the following information concerning the captioned organization.

The informant did not know the identity of any member of the American Radio Association who is also a member of the Communist Party. If there are any members of the Communist Party in the American Radio Association they would be used in any underground organization which the Communist Party might set up because of their knowledge of communications.

The foregoing is submitted for information.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT
SAC

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓
65-15144 (Clandestine Radio Communications, Potential Operators)

EWC:MRW
100-19198

66-3901-83

New York, New York

November 3, 1950

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director, FBI

Re: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMAN'S
ASSOCIATION -AFL
INTERNAL SECURITY -C
(Bureau File 100-11597)

Dear Sir:

On October 17, 1950, NY-988 was interviewed by SAs Frank J. Newlan and Eldred W. Cox at the New York Office. NY-988 furnished the following information concerning the captioned organization.

Sometime during the years 1947-48-49 [redacted] had an office in the New York State Communist Party Headquarters. [redacted] was the [redacted] of the Longshore-Teamster concentration by the Communist Party.

[redacted] was [redacted] for the Kings County Communist Party who came in and frequently consulted with [redacted]

ALBERT FRANCIS LANNON, National Maritime Coordinator for the Communist Party exercised some authority over [redacted].

[redacted] was apparently involved in Longshore concentration because on one occasion a pamphlet was put out concerning the Longshore industry and BERENSON was involved in the preparation and distribution of the pamphlet and had the responsibility of seeing that the printing was paid for.

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100-37342

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100-80060

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NY 100-80080

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[redacted] apparently had nothing to do with Longshore concentration
in New York County which was [redacted]

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The foregoing is submitted for information.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT
SAC

New York, New York
November 2, 1950

MEMO

RE: JOHN LAUTNER
CNDI 588

Rebutel dated 10/11/50 authorizing the payment of \$50 per week to ND 588.

During the period October 21, 1950 to October 28, 1950 the informant continued to submit considerable detailed information concerning the Communist Party, USA its fronts and its members.

In view of the above, it is believed that the payment of \$50 should be made to ND 588 as authorized in referenced teletype.

BRUCE L. KREIGHBAUM, SA

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66-3901

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66-3901-81

New York 7, New York

October 31, 1950
CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

Re: AVAROM LANDY, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bureau File 100-24914)

New York Confidential Informant ND 588 advised that AVAROM LANDY was EARL BROWDER's confidential secretary from about 1935 to 1945. During this period, LANDY wrote BROWDER's speeches, did research work, and was very close to BROWDER.

The informant stated that it has always been his opinion that from 1935 to 1945, EARL BROWDER, his wife IRENE, and AVAROM LANDY actually ran the CPUSA. Because of this close association with BROWDER, LANDY was eased out of any position of authority in the Party after BROWDER's dismissal in 1945, according to the informant.

LANDY indicated to the informant on several occasions that he was aware of the fact that he, LANDY, was no longer trusted by the Party, and that the Party did not intend to give him any more assignments of importance. LANDY expressed great bitterness over this turn of events.

The informant continued that LANDY has [redacted] in New York City, and that it was reported to the Communist Party Headquarters in New York City that [redacted] on several occasions had made statements critical of the Party leaders.

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Informant stated that LANDY is paid \$60 or \$70 per week by the International Publishers, Inc., New York City, but that he does not actually work for this concern. The extent of LANDY's contact with the International Publishers, Inc. amounts to collecting his salary.

ND 588 stated that he is of the opinion that AVAROM LANDY

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would be in a position to furnish the Bureau with a great deal of valuable information, and would cooperate with the Bureau if contacted discreetly. It is to be noted that LANDY was considered a key figure in the New York Office and was dropped from the Key Figure List, and the Bureau was so advised by letter dated March 30, 1950.

A review of LANDY's case file, which at present is being maintained in a closed status, reflects that AVAROM LANDY in 1942 was Financial Secretary and National Education Director of the CPUSA, and that beginning in 1943, he became active in the National Groups Commission of the CPUSA, keeping in close contact and directing the activities of Communist Party foreign language groups. Further, LANDY's file reflects that in August, 1945, LANDY indicated his dissatisfaction with his work as Director of the National Groups Commission and expressed his desire to go back to "my field of scholarship."

He subsequently was relieved of his Party position because of his employment with International Publishers, Inc. in New York City. LANDY is the author of the book, "Marxism and the Democratic Tradition," and wrote numerous articles for "The Communist" and the "Daily Worker."

In 1948, he was reported trying to resign from the Party remarking "that in the old days of the Party, he had not advanced so rapidly because he did not go in for all the loose moving" practiced by the Party.

In April, 1948, [redacted] Bath Beach Section of the Communist Party, Brooklyn, New York, complained to the Kings County Communist Party regarding LANDY who had not attended meetings for a year and paid no dues for that period.

Recently information furnished by MD 516 reflects that LANDY is still employed by the International Publishers, Inc., and that his main activities were concerned with writing a book, the manuscript of which has been submitted to the Communist Party Headquarters for their examination. Inquiries made with Confidential Informants of this office have failed to reflect any other Party activities on LANDY's part.

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A Security Index card is at present being maintained on AVAROM LANDY by the New York Office.

Reference is made to New York letter to the Bureau dated June 12, 1947, entitled "Confidential Informants, CPUSA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C," under the heading AVAROM LANDY, was: Al Landy, in which it was indicated that no further concentration would be given by this office to develop LANDY as an informant at that time because LANDY had been removed from a policy-making level.

The Bureau was further advised that this office would remain alert for any positive indication of a break between LANDY and the Communist Party.

In view of the accurate information furnished by ND 588 in the past, the Bureau is requested to consider the possibility of authorizing the New York Office to contact LANDY at this time. The informant stated that LANDY could be contacted either by a third person representing the Bureau or by a direct approach made by two Bureau agents. ND 588 suggested that the third party should be a businessman or a professional person who is acquainted with LANDY.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC

New York 7, New York

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

October 31, 1950

Director, FBI

Re: JOHN LAUTNER
CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT 588

Dear Sir:

ND 588 stated that [redacted] [redacted] New York City, is to be married during the week of [redacted] 1950. As a result of this marriage, the informant will take up temporary residence in a hotel.

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The informant continued that on January 15, 1950 he visited [redacted] in Boardman, Ohio and at that time [redacted] sensed that the informant was having difficulties with the Communist Party, USA. [redacted] told the informant that he could possibly secure employment for him in the steel mills of Youngstown, Ohio, if the informant should ever need a job. [redacted] was interested in getting ND 588 into union work if the informant ever left the Party. According to the informant, [redacted] has no interest in the Communist Party, USA.

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In regard to [redacted] offer the informant stated that he has no desire to enter into any type of union activity and added that he was employed by the steel mills in the early twenties and has no urge to return to this type of work.

The informant continued that he is anxious to get started on the next phase of his life and that at present he can see no future for himself. ND 588 stated that he desires to remain in New York City, if at all possible.

The informant advised that he explained to the New York Employment Bureau that due to his 20 years employment by the Communist Party, USA and his subsequent expulsion from the Party, he is entirely without references except for an honorable discharge from the United States Army.

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NY 66-3901

The informant added that the New York State Employment Bureau representatives are sympathetic to his present difficulties.

The informant stated that he did not make his original contact with the Bureau with the thought in mind of securing future employment through aid from the Bureau. The informant advised, however, that he would appreciate anything the Bureau could do to overcome his lack of references, stating that once he got a start he would be able to stand on his own merit.

The informant continued that he is going to place applications with the Voice of America and with the United Nations at Lake Success, New York, if at all possible.

He stated that he is well qualified for employment with the Voice of America because of his knowledge of the Hungarian language and his political background. Also the informant did propaganda work and radio script writing with the Physical Warfare Section of the Army Intelligence during World War II in Bari, Italy.

The informant stated that perhaps he would be valuable as a civilian employee with the Army Intelligence.

In regard to these contemplated employments, the informant stated that he is aware of the fact that he is not, under any circumstances, to reveal his present connection with the Bureau.

The informant was emphatic in stating that when he is able to secure employment, it is his intention to continue to be available to the Bureau for interviews and to assist the Bureau in any way possible.

It is to be noted that during the long series of interviews conducted by agents of this Office, the informant has been very cooperative and has appeared to be sincere in his desire to assist the Bureau. The informant readily agreed to testify in a court of law to any information furnished by him in Bureau cases.

It may be further noted that although a payment of \$50.00 per week is being made to the informant, he at no time indicated that he desires payment of any kind for his services.

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No commitment or promises of any kind were made to the informant concerning any aid or assistance which the Bureau could render him in obtaining employment.

It was suggested to the informant that he should attempt to secure employment, if at all possible, through his own effort. The informant stated that he was making an effort on his own by contacting employment agencies and private companies, but that the "stop gap" appears to be not lack of ability but lack of employment references for the past 20 years.

The informant stated that it was only within the past month that he has seriously contemplated securing permanent employment since he realizes that he is a middle-aged man and must soon establish himself both financially and socially.

The above is being furnished for the Bureau's review and opinion. It is felt that since the possibility exists that this informant may be considered an important witness in Bureau cases arising from the Internal Security Act of 1950 that the Bureau may be interested in rendering some assistance to this informant.

Very truly yours,


EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

VETERANS MATTERS, CP, USA;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bufile 100-3-73)

On October 18, 1950, Confidential Informant No. 588 was interviewed at the New York Office by SA [redacted] concerning any knowledge he had dealing with Veterans Matters within the Communist Party. The informant advised that although he is a veteran of World War II, he was not active in any of the veterans matters within the Party because immediately following World War II, sometime in 1946, he disagreed with the policies of the Party concerning veterans matters, and was, therefore, inactive in their program.

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According to the informant, the Communist Party, following World War II, tried to institute a program whereby they would infiltrate all of the then-existing veterans organizations such as the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, etc. He stated that the main objective of the Communist Party was to infiltrate and gain power within the American Legion. The informant advised that this program was drawn up following the 1945 Communist Party Convention.

The informant advised that ROBERT THOMPSON, one of the eleven convicted Communist Party leaders, was considered the leading veteran within the Communist Party following his discharge. The informant said that THOMPSON was considered a "hero" due to his exceptional war record. He stated that THOMPSON was the leader in the veterans problems throughout the National Communist Party movement. According to the informant, JOHN GATES, editor

cc: BUREAU 100-52444 (ROBERT THOMPSON)
BUREAU 100-55618 (JOHN GATES)
BUREAU 100-349140 (LOU DISKIN)
BUREAU 100-356992 [redacted]
BUREAU 100-360215 (MURPHY GREISLER)
BUREAU 100-70441 (LEON STRANG)

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100-79498

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NY 100-79496

of the "Daily Worker", following his discharge from the United States Army, also became one of the leaders along with THOMPSON, of the veterans program within the National Communist Party. The informant stated that later, THOMPSON, when he became Chairman of the New York State Communist Party, was replaced by GATES as the leading veteran within the Communist Party. The informant advised that the following were all members of the National Veterans Commission of the Communist Party:

[REDACTED]
IRVING GOPY
JOHN STEUBEN

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According to Confidential Informant NY 588, immediately following World War II, LOU DISKIN, was head of the New York State Veterans Commission of the Communist Party, and [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] of the New York County Veterans Commission of the New York County Communist Party. He stated that the program set up by the Communist Party for veterans to infiltrate the major existing veterans organizations was never successfully carried out. He stated that GATES, DISKIN and [REDACTED] were the three most active veterans in the program. The informant stated that the Communist Party never made any attempt to organize their own veterans organization. He said that his own personal suggestions to the Party following World War II were for organizing such an organization, but that the leaders of the Veterans Movement disagreed and suggested the infiltration of the then existing veterans organizations.

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The informant stated that during 1947, the Party realized that the program of infiltration had been unsuccessful, and from that time on, there was practically no activity whatsoever on the part of the veterans within the Communist Party. He stated that from 1947 through January, 1950, when he defected from the Party, the Veterans Movement within the Communist Party did not take any active part in organization or infiltration, and that no orders whatsoever had been issued by the Communist Party as far as veterans matters were concerned.

The informant said that at the time when the Party came to the conclusion that infiltration was unsuccessful in 1947, LOU DISKIN became leader of the New York Youth Movement, and as a side line, he was still active in whatever veterans problems came up. The informant said that it was at this time that JOHN GATES became editor of the "Daily Worker", and [REDACTED] was appointed [REDACTED] to ROBERT DENNIS. The informant

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advised that the above men were supposed to handle veterans problems as a side line to their regular duties, but because of the inactivity of the veterans program, nothing was done in that regard. The informant advised that [redacted] was [redacted] between the New York State Communist Party and veterans matters from 1947 through January, 1950.

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According to Confidential Informant ND 588, the Communist Party did not designate anyone to be Director of the New York County Veterans Commission. He stated that there were no special assignments within the Party's various branches, and that the Party's veterans program was directed from Communist Party National Headquarters.

According to the informant, MURRAY GEISLER, a former member of the New York City Police Department, was active prior to 1947 in veterans matters from Bronx County, New York. He said that GEISLER, however, did not hold an official title to such a position. He stated that GEISLER later became Press Director of Bronx County, New York.

The informant stated that LEON STRAUS was active in veterans matters within Manhattan County, New York, as a side line to his duties within the furrier industry. He said that as far as he knows, STRAUS did not hold an official position, as far as veterans matters were concerned within the Party. The informant said that as of January, 1950, when he defected from the Communist Party, there was no activity on the part of the veterans within the Party, and that no program had been directed by which the veterans would be governed.

The informant advised that [redacted] had a liaison man in the American Legion by the name of [redacted]. According to the informant, this individual lived in the neighborhood of [redacted] with his father, whose name was not known to the informant. The informant advised that [redacted] was a member of the American Legion from that area, but the informant did not know the full name of [redacted].

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According to Confidential Informant ND 588, [redacted] also had an individual in the Chelsea American Legion Post with whom he was in contact concerning veterans matters. The informant said that this individual's name was Captain IRVING GREEN, who was a member of the Chelsea Section of the Communist Party and was also a member of the Chelsea American Legion Post.

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The informant stated that he could furnish no further information concerning COHEN and that this information had become known to him through his general activities in the Communist Party.

In regard to the incident which occurred at Peekskill, New York, in September, 1949, where a riot took place between concert goers and veterans, the informant advised that the activities of the veterans from the Communist Party were handled by LEON STRAUB who had received his instructions from ROBERT THOMPSON. The informant advised that he was not present at Peekskill, New York, during the concert, but that as far as he knows, the majority of the people were from Brooklyn, New York, and the far industry who were in attendance at the concert at which PAUL ROBESON was the guest singer.

The informant said that the only veterans organization which has been organized and controlled by the Communist Party to his knowledge is the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, which was set up and has been completely dominated by the Communist Party.

The above information is being submitted for information purposes for the respective Bureau files. This information has been incorporated into the appropriate files in the New York Office.

Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

EUGENE WALLACH, wa.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-30802)

Rebulet dated 10/6/50 entitled " [redacted] (PH),
INTERNAL SECURITY - R".

During a recent interview, Confidential Informant ND 588 advised that he recalled that the [redacted] employed at the United Nations, Lake Success, as a [redacted].

A review of the captioned file reflects that the subject is identical with the [redacted] described by the informant. The report of SA JOHN J. MULHERN, dated April 21, 1950 at New York, sets forth current background information on the subject and verifies his employment by the United Nations.

[redacted] is the subject of a Security Index Card being maintained by the New York Office.

No further investigation will be conducted in this matter unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

cc: 66-3901

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Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED] was,
SECURITY MATTER - C

[REDACTED] On October 3, 1950, ID 500, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] was a member of the Boyer Commission of the New York County Communist Party and was also a member of the Education Commission of the New York County Communist Party.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

HRL:ND
100-34665

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Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]

SECURITY MATTER - C

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On October 3, 1950, ID 503, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] was a member of the Press Committee of the New York County Communist Party and was also the industrial representative on this committee. Informant advised that the industrial representative handles subscriptions to the "DAILY WORKER" and other Communist Party publications for the industrial groups and sections of the County.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3701

HFL:ND
100-84328

66-3701-25

Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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b7c

On October 3, 1950, ID 538, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] in the Garment Section of the New York County Communist Party and is active in the Needles Trade Union in Manhattan.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

REF:MD
100-51955

66-3901-74

Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ND 583, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] is a member of the Puerto Rican Commission of the New York County Communist Party.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

HPL:KD
100-13336

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66-3901-73

Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]

SECURITY MATTER - C

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On October 3, 1950, ND 588, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] is the [REDACTED] of the New York County Communist Party, as well as a member of the Press Committee of the New York County Communist Party.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

IPL:KD
100-47741

Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]

SECURITY MATTER - C

b6
b7c

On October 3, 1950, ID 588, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] was a member of the Puerto Rican Commission of the New York County Communist Party.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

/cc - NY 66-3901

HPL:KD
100-57644

Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

JESUS COLON
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ID 588, of known reliability, advised that JESUS COLON was a member of the Puerto Rican Commission of the New York County Communist Party.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

H L:KD
100-559

66-3901-20

Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 9, 1950, ID 500, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] was a member of the Puerto Rican Commission of the New York County Communist Party.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

/cc - NY 66-3001

INFL:ID
100-79787

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66-3001-12

Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

b6
b7c

On October 3, 1950, ID 588, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] was the [REDACTED] of the Upper East Side Region of the Communist Party and the informant believed subject was now assigned to the Distributive Trade Section of the County.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

JFL:ND
100-85283

Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

[redacted]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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b7c

On October 3, 1950, NY 508, of known reliability, advised that in 1948 and 1949, the records of the New York County Communist Party were in charge of [redacted] and that the records might presently be kept in [redacted]. However, the informant advised that [redacted] was very friendly with a [redacted] who was formerly employed by the New York County Communist Party and who was [redacted] in the Chelsea Section of the Lower West Side Section of the Communist Party. The informant believed that because [redacted] was so close to [redacted] may have or have personal knowledge of the records of the New York County Communist Party.

It is believed that this [redacted] may be identical with [redacted] who was employed as [redacted] for the New York County Communist Party and who was a member of officer in the Lower West Side Section of the Communist Party.

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The informant described DORA as follows:

Race
Sex
Age
Height
Weight
Hair
Marital Status
Peculiarities

White
Female



Believed single
Wears heavy thick
horn-rimmed glasses;
"fish-mouthed"; wears
hair combed straight
back in knot.

b6
b7c

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

HFL:KD
100-34089

Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ND 588, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was [REDACTED] of the Press Committee of the New York County Com-
munist Party and also acted as Press Director for the County.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from
the above informant is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above
subject.

✓ cc - NY 66-3901

HPL:MD
100-81261

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b7c

Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ND 588, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] in 1948 and 1949 [REDACTED] of the New York County Communist Party on the third floor of 35 East 12th Street, New York City. Informant advised that he believed that most membership records are kept at Party Headquarters, but that some records may be in the homes of trusted comrades. He advised that [REDACTED] may have such records in her home or have knowledge of where records are stored.

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b7c

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

HPL:ED
100-44781

Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ND 588, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] was a member of the Press Committee of the New York County Communist Party. He advised that [REDACTED] was the [REDACTED] on the Committee and as such, handles the subscriptions to the "DAILY WORKER" and other publications of the Communist Party for the community clubs and sections of the County.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

HFL:ED
100-62751

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b7c

Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On October 3, 1950, ND 588, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] could be considered as the [REDACTED] in the New York County Communist Party organization. According to the informant, [REDACTED] acts as [REDACTED]. He stated that [REDACTED] in the County when TOFFEY left to secure a position in the Communist Party Defense Office during the trial of the eleven Communist leaders.

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ND 588 advised that [REDACTED] was a former [REDACTED] for the Philadelphia district of the Party and that he has been in New York about three years, having worked in the building trade section of New York County prior to his becoming County Secretary.

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b7c

Informant described [REDACTED] as the industrious type of comrade, very quiet, unassuming but a "shrewd comrade". The informant advised that [REDACTED] job also entails the [REDACTED] for the County. The informant further advised that [REDACTED] is also a member of the New York County secretariat.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

HFL:KD
100-16854

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Serial No. Description of Serial Date Charged

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re : JAMES TORMEY, 1 pg

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SA R. OPTEDAL, #142, PER
BU INSTRUCTIONS

Employee

RECHARGE

Date

To

From

Date charged

Employee

Location

Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

TED BASSETT
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, NY 530, of known reliability, advised that TED BASSETT is Educational Director of New York County Communist Party and was also Chairman of the New York County Review Commission, and a member of the New York County Educational Commission.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-9701

MPL:KD
100-9369

Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ID 500, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] was the Upper East Side [REDACTED] of the New York County Communist Party.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

IFL:KD
100-23125

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b7c

Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

b6
b7c

On October 3, 1950, ID 588, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] was former [REDACTED] of the New York County Communist Party and is still active in New York County affairs, although the informant believes [REDACTED] holds no position. He advised that [REDACTED] is a very wealthy man and may be a millionaire.

ID 588 also advised that [REDACTED] formerly lived in a very nice apartment on [REDACTED] New York City, but within the last year has bought a lovely home in New Jersey. He stated that [REDACTED], although holding no position in the Party, always visits New York County regularly to discuss financial affairs. He further stated that he believes [REDACTED] may contribute substantial amounts to the New York County Communist Party.

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According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

HPL:KD
100-827

Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ND 588, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] is the New York County [REDACTED] and could be classed as the [REDACTED] in the County set-up. He stated that [REDACTED] was formerly [REDACTED] in Buffalo, New York and is considered by the Party as an up and coming comrade, who is slated for better jobs in the Party.

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ND 588 believed that [REDACTED] was probably a member of the New York State Board of the Communist Party. Informant advised that the Communist Party thought enough of [REDACTED] to find him a house in Queens when he arrived in New York City, which was unusual, for the Party makes no effort to find homes for Party leaders. Informant advised that [REDACTED] is a member of the New York County Secretariat.

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According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

HFL:KD
100-52763

66-3901-58

Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ID 508, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] of the Lower West Side Region of the Communist Party. He advised that [REDACTED] is employed by the MASS NEWS AGENCY. Informant described [REDACTED] as a very able speaker, but a woman who has made enemies in the Party because she was an "under-funded sort of person" who would try to do things "behind a person's back". He also advised that the Party is having trouble with [REDACTED] because she was not security conscious and would talk too much over the telephone.

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b7c

ID 508 advised that [REDACTED] at one time helped take care of the New York County records and membership lists and it is possible that the records might be kept in her home.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

HFL:KD
100-50804

66-3901-57

File 66-3901 Date _____
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re: [redacted] 1 pg

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SA R. OFTEDAL, #42, per
BU INSTRUCTIONS

Employee

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To _____ From _____

Date charged

Employee

Location

Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER -- C

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On October 3, 1950, ID 503, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] of New York County, Communist Party and that [REDACTED] is on the Education Commission of the County.

According to Bureau instructions, this information received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

HFL:KD
100-93651

66-3901-55

Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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b7c

On October 3, 1950, ID 588, of known reliability, advised that
[REDACTED] is [REDACTED] of New York County Communist Party.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received
from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the
above subject.

✓ cc - NY 66-3901

YFL:KD
100-52331

66-3901-39

Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ID 588, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] of the New York County Communist Party. He advised that [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] graduate and a native of West Virginia. Informant advised she is [REDACTED] and is a very capable woman regarding political affairs in the Party. He advised that [REDACTED] is a very able speaker, knows how to mix well and has a shrewd analytical mind. ID 588 advised [REDACTED] was former [REDACTED] of the New York County Communist Party.

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According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

✓ cc - NY 66-3901

HFL:KD
100-50094

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Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, NY 588, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] was active in the Needles Trade Union for the New York County Communist Party.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

IFL:MD
100-14226

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66-3901-50

Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

HERBERT WEILDIEN
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ID 500, of known reliability, advised that HERBERT WEILDIEN acts as Regional Director of the Harlem Region of the Communist Party. Informant advised that WEILDIEN is a colored veteran and is a very important figure in the County set-up, as well as Acting Chairman of the New York State Negro Commission. Informant further advised WEILDIEN is a member of the New York County Secretariat.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

HFL:KD
100-9308

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